





## An Introduction to Valid and Reliable Screening and Assessment Tools for NYS Administered Prekindergarten Programs

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School districts are required by Commissioner's Regulations (Part 117.3) to develop a plan for the screening of all new Prekindergarten entrants using a valid and reliable screening tool. The purpose of this screening is to determine which students are possibly gifted, are suspected of having a disability, and/or level of English proficiency. The screening must be conducted by appropriately trained or qualified staff, and in the student's native language, if the language of the home is other than English.

Screening shall take place for new entrants prior to the school year, if possible, but not later than 90 days before the start of the school year.