

Assessment Archive: School Readiness Uniform Screening System (SRUSS)

This assessment is no longer actively administered in Florida.

Historical and Legislative Authority

Prior to the 2002-03 school year, school districts completed a “School Readiness Checklist” for each child entering kindergarten. Based on these results, a determination was made regarding whether or not the child was “ready” for kindergarten. The SRUSS was created to replace the “School Readiness Checklist.”

The SRUSS was originally established through the authority of s 411.01, F.S., with the corresponding requirement in s 1008.21, F.S., titled “School Readiness Uniform Screening.” The first year of its implementation was the 2002-03 school year. The SRUSS was the first uniform statewide assessment program in Florida designed to measure the school readiness of all kindergarten students in the State. The program also required that all Florida school districts:

- Assess kindergarten students using approved, uniform program instruments
- Assess all first time kindergarten students within the first 30 school days
- Provide district-level training to kindergarten teachers
- Use the results and data generated from the kindergarten screenings to improve policy and plan instruction

In December 2004, the legislation to implement the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program repealed s1008.21 and created s1002.69, F.S., which outlines statewide kindergarten screening and kindergarten readiness rates. This new statute required the Florida Department of Education to adopt a statewide kindergarten screening based on the performance standards of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. The statewide kindergarten program was then moved to the Office of Early Learning.

The Office of Early Learning began implementing changes to the statewide kindergarten program for the 2006-07 school year. SRUSS has been replaced and the new statewide kindergarten program is the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS).

If you have questions or would like additional information, you may visit the Office of Early Learning website at http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/voluntary_pre_k.aspx.