



SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

End-of-Year DAC Report: Early Learning

Back-up Materials



Childcare and Development District Advisory Committee

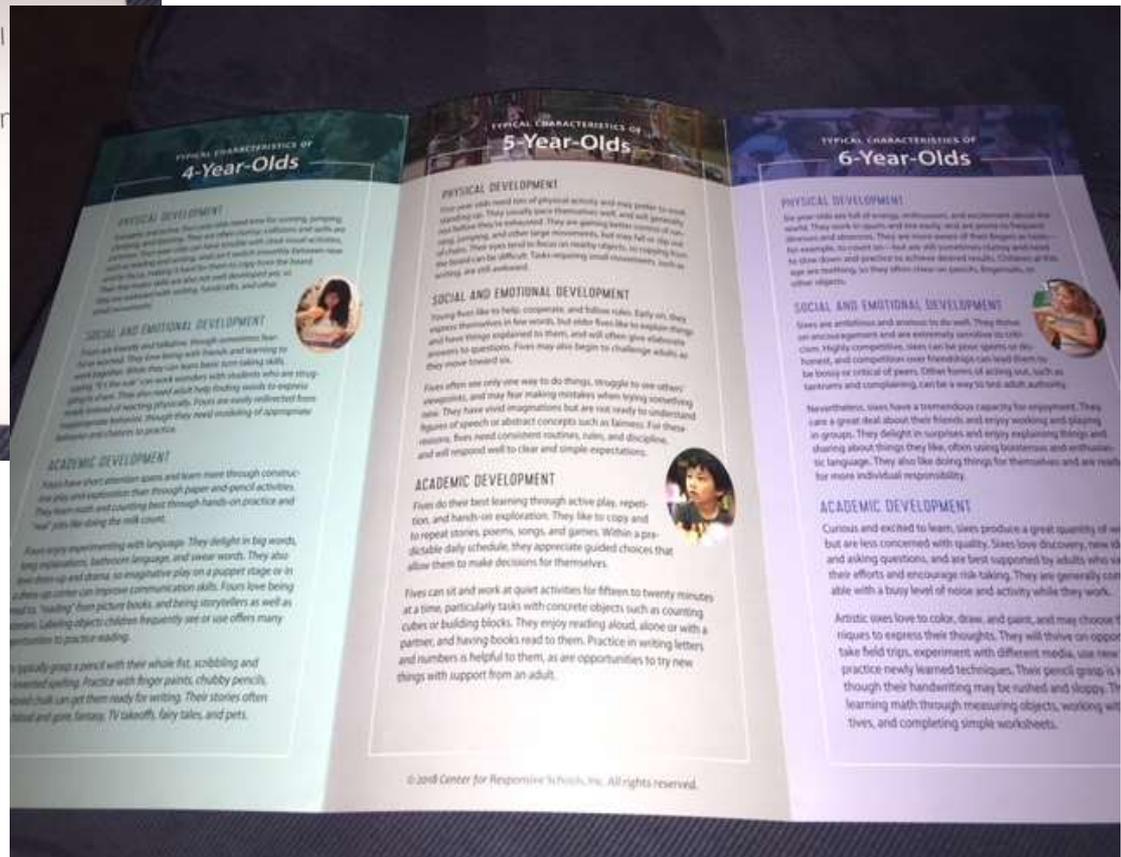
- Charge 1 - The DAC will work to determine if there are preschool eligible students in our community who are currently not attending preschool. **We believe it is important to improve our understanding of the types of challenges that may impede attendance, as well as the resources needed to support all families so children can successfully attend preschool;** and whether those resources are currently available and accessible.
- Charge 2 - The **DAC will consider the types of data to gather from preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten.** This data will be used to help SMMUSD maintain quality programs that best prepare our youngest students and their families to be successful in elementary school and beyond.

Building a Common Understanding of School Readiness

Yardsticks

Guide to KINDERGARTNERS

Common Developmental Characteristics in the Classroom and at Home





4-5¹⁰ Physical

What kids
a balance

* need for
close up letters
more pencils
raised
fine motor

Proximity
development
pace of d

What concern

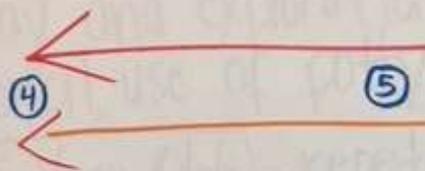
Children are
They do not
Too much f
age-inappropriate a
ing of development
and what it looks like

What we need

The need
for → Development
in act

The importance
adequate sleep time
screen/
Share Yardstick

Social / E



- rules
- enthusiastic for learning
- development expressive
- adult support
- friendship

Academic Development

4 Year Olds - experimentation of language and use, constructive play and exploration w/paper and pencil, use of potty talk,

5 Year Olds - repetition w/songs, books, poems, sit longer 15-20 minutes at a task, routine w/guided choices, enjoy reading, enjoy practicing numbers and letters

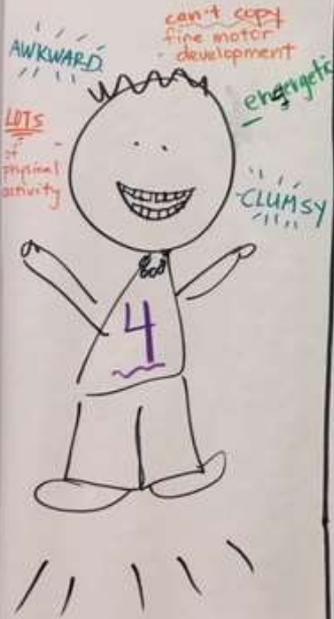
6 Year Olds - pencil grip improving, although ^(some) rushed and sloppy, like disorienting, asking questions and new ideas, very noisy and active, enjoy all aspects of math

Physical Development

4 year old

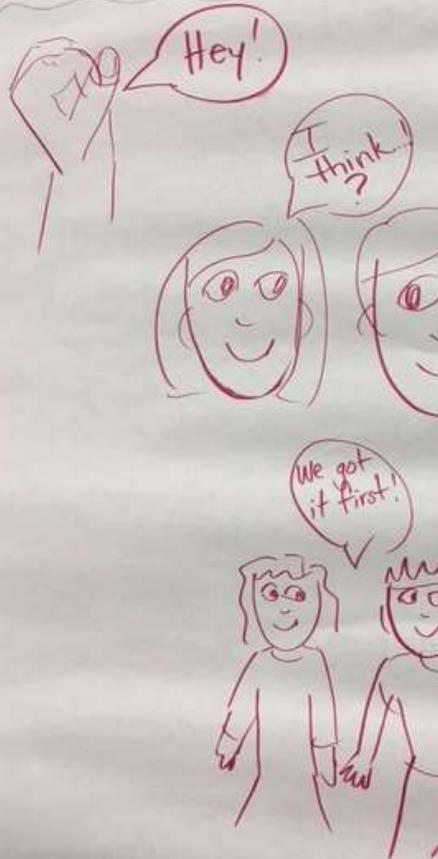
5 year old

6 year old



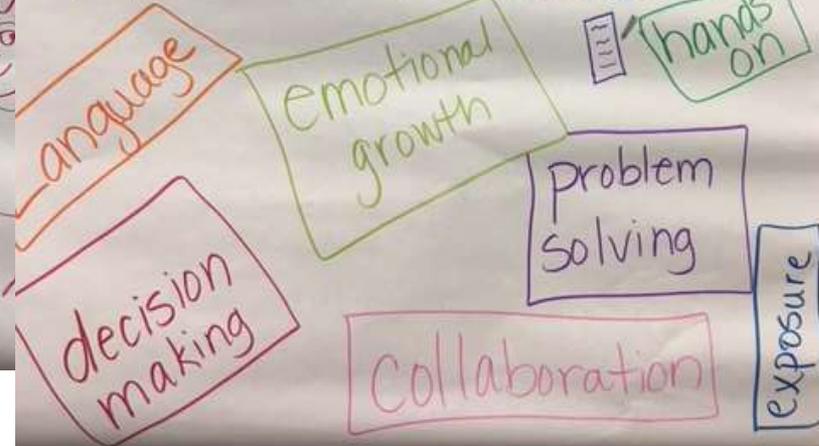
better fine and gross control
like to work standing
still awkward with fine

Social/Emotional Dev.



Academics

Play is essential but there seems to be a disconnect between what's developmentally-appropriate and state standards.



EDI Characteristic Highlights

Population focus

- Community results reported by neighborhood geography
- District receives confidential school level reports
- Never reported by child or teacher

Holistic measure

- Covers five developmental domains, 16 subdomains

Feasible to implement at scale

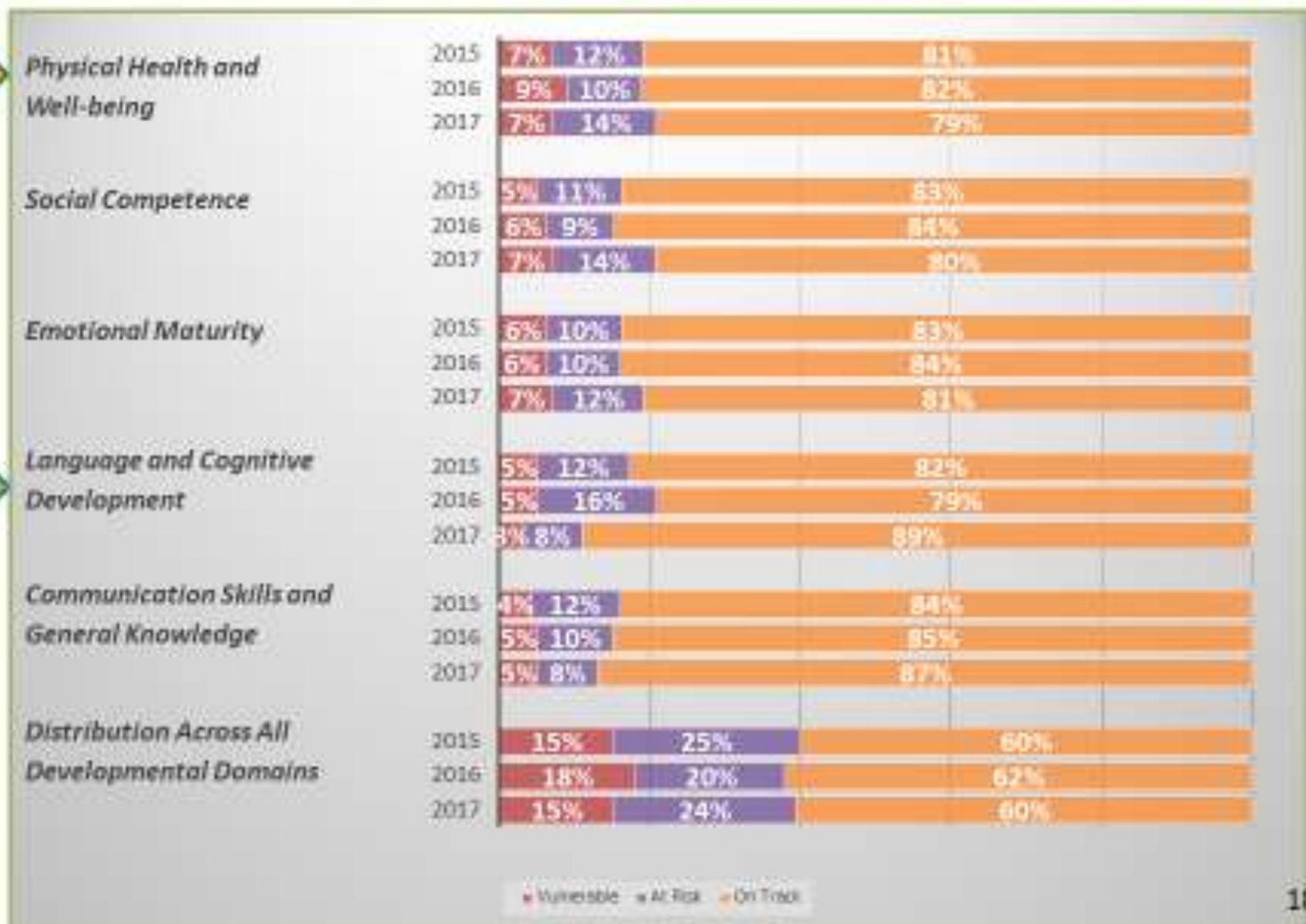
- Collected once every 3 years by K teachers (annually in SMMUSD)
- User-friendly, online observational assessment, recall

Internationally validated

- Developed at McMasters University, Canada
- Successfully used in over 15 countries
- National indicator in Australia
- Strong reliability and validity
- EDI Predicts later standardized test scores



Comparison of EDI Results by Developmental Domain Across years (2015, 2016, 2017)



Notes from DRDP-EDI Crossover - Word

Samarge-Powell, Susan

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ATL

- Basic foundations for SED, COG – found a lot of the information all over the EDI
- The EDI was generally more 'negative' whereas the DRDP was more 'positive' in looking at the progression
- Found the "opposite" of each in the EDI and DRDP

SED

- The DRDP was similar to the Language standards in looking at a continuum
- The EDI is more about defining 'one' area
- Many behaviors in SED with DRDP were with interactions with peers and adults
- Social/Emotional in EDI might be less about interactions and more about the child(s) needs
- Some things were not addressed in the DRDP that were in the EDI – so wondering if that is more about the age level considerations
- Special education can look at the entire continuum within one class – there is more breadth to be found

LLD

- Overwhelming! Many measures overlapped
- Talked about trying to find a way to share this information in a simpler way with K friends (to have it be useful)
- Trying to figure out how to help colleagues who are doing the DRDP without much in the way of 'time'

Physical Development - Health

- Consideration of the EDI first questions that they seem more about the adult preparation
- Items on each that you would not find on the other
- The skills are on the continuum (one day to the next will not be too different)
- On the DRDP in PK we look from left to right, but in K or in Special Education in K they might be reading from right back to left

Cognition Including Math and Science

- Much of the information is similar/shared
- Some items are missing in the EDI
- Some of what we're doing with regards to teaching and learning experiences are not necessarily found in the EDI; so while we are seeing 'success' it's not necessarily all the components we are considering
- Would love the "at a glance" DRDP to be given to K to allow them an opportunity to see what would be useful to know
- The practice of observing and documenting learning – what would that documentation/observation look like across the continuum of PK, TK and K
- Can there be tools that can be used like Seesaw so we are using electronic measures

*Special education doesn't get any information back from the DRDP

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Social and Emotional	Cognitive	Physical
<p>Sensory regulation: (Visual to identify how a S feels)</p>	<p>Identifying items verbally, "I Spy" (ex. colors, items, shapes)</p>	<p>Acting out emotions Body motion/movement for each feeling.</p>
<p>T-to-T (What is character feeling)</p>	<p>Text-to-text</p>	<p>Acting out story</p>
<p>Your emotional color can change throughout a day & empowerment.</p>	<p>Sorting Feelings Sorting items</p>	<p>" " "</p>
<p>Predicting antecedents</p>	<p>Mixing Colors</p>	<p>Reading Body Language - Posture & facial expression</p>
<p>" "</p>	<p>Whole Group or Pair Share making a narrative</p>	<p>Using instruments to show emotions</p>
<p>What color are your feelings?</p>	<p>Generating a list of coping strategies for challenging feelings.</p>	<p>Trace bodies - Where do you feel this emotion in your body.</p>
	<p>Make a 5 Pop-up book. Children choose own ^{color/emotions} color for book.</p>	
	<p>author POV.</p>	



Engage in Early Learning Professional Development **Date:** _____

Evaluation	Please circle one 1 = little or none; 2 = some 3 = moderate; 4 = high;
1. Rate the overall quality of the meeting/presentation	1=0 2 =1 3 =6 4 =35
2. Rate the value and usefulness of the information	1=0 2 =1 3 =8 4 =33
3. Rate the structure of the presentation/meeting	1=0 2 =0 3 =7 4 =35
4. Rate the quality of service this event provided for you	1=0 2 =0 3 =5 4 =40
5. My teaching role is	PK TK K Other
<p>Which activities were particularly engaging/useful? What might you take back with you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Talking with PK, TK and K teachers *EDI Data collections and expectations *Planning with my level team around the book idea *The EDI info is FINALLY useful! *Cross grade level conversations *Loved the Yardsticks analysis and share out with each other *The Color Monster Book! *DRDP and EDI alignment *Great to see the different assessments and how they overlap and differ *Hands on collaboration – digging in to the data 	
<p>What suggestions do you have for our next vertical alignment experience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *More time to work together! *Narrow our focus next time – let’s look at one content area *More Lesson planning ideas and time to work together *To have a follow up meeting to create actionable steps to be aligned *Looking at academic expectations *Discuss ways for Early Learning staff to support one another *Best practice sharing *Activity planning around supporting challenging behaviors *Ways to incorporate music and movement *Classroom visits! 	
<p>Any Additional Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *This was a really positive experience – thank you! *It would be great if there was an opportunity to visit other classrooms *Thanks for gathering all the Early Learning educators – it has been awhile *Love having time to talk with teachers of other ages *Was SO great to come up with next day activities – we can implement them ASAP! *Thanks for the food, snacks and chocolate! *It was nice to see how research is influencing policy *Great way to open up lines of communication between PK, TK and K 	



“Can we visit each others classrooms?”

“We want more lesson planning time together!”

“I loved having time to talk with teachers of other age groups!”

“Loved the hands on collaboration and digging in to the data!”

“Thank you for bringing us together – when can we do this again?”

