



The Early Learning Transition Check-in (ELTC) pilot process incorporates input from community partners, as well as relevant research, and is being implemented in accordance with anti-racist assessment practices. As the first component of the ELTC process, the Family Conversation is **one** opportunity to connect kindergarten teachers with individual families. During the conversation, teachers ask families important questions about their child's experiences prior to kindergarten, and the conditions that create the best learning environments for their child. Families will be able to share contextual information about their child's strengths and needs and ask questions prior to their kindergarten experience.

### Family Conversation Goals:

1. Structured time to connect families/caregivers with educators
2. Learn about the families' experiences, strengths and needs before kindergarten
3. Answer any questions families may have regarding the transition into kindergarten



### District participation requires:

- Students will need assigned 8-digit SSIDs
- Dedicated time for Kindergarten teachers to:
  - » complete training and
  - » meet with families at the beginning of kindergarten
  - » review required materials provided by ODE
- Conduct outreach with families to schedule the Family Conversation prior to the beginning of kindergarten (being mindful of the families' home language and providing translation services)
- Data entry into data collection tool provided by ODE
- Provide feedback to ODE/DELC about the process

### Support you can expect from ODE/DELC:

- Live onboarding webinar and slide deck provided in February 2025
- Drop in Community of Practice facilitated by ODE/DELC staff (May, June, August & September) to answer questions and provide support
- Teacher and District Test Coordinator training webinar presented in Spring
- Access to web-based materials to support the planning and implementation of the Family Conversation's three phases:
  - » Community Responsive Planning
  - » Educator Training
  - » Data Collection, Entry and reporting

We greatly appreciate your partnership and look forward to partnering with you. District leaders can find answers to frequently asked questions at [www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/pages/kindergarten-assessment.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/pages/kindergarten-assessment.aspx).

If you have additional questions, please feel free to email [PreKCheckin@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:PreKCheckin@ode.oregon.gov). For more information about the ELTC Pilot process please visit our website at: [www.oregon.gov/delc/families/pages/early-learning-transition.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/delc/families/pages/early-learning-transition.aspx)