

# North American Division Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Tool Kit



*The following definitions are intended to explain the use of these terms in the context of the North American Division Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Tool Kit.*

## DEFINITIONS

**Age-appropriate** - suitable or right for children of a particular age.

**ALC** - Adventist Learning Community is a Seventh-day Adventist online educational video platform used to strengthen professionals through continuing education courses.

**ALC Pre-Kindergarten Tool Kit training modules** - video training tutorials for teachers which will introduce and illustrate the various components of the tool kit and how to use it effectively to track the growth and development of children.

**Child's self-portrait** - a child's drawing of him/herself.

**Childhood Development** - A child's growth in spiritual, physical, intellectual, social, and emotional areas that shows progression in abilities.

**Components** - individual parts of the Pre-Kindergarten Tool Kit.

Continuing education courses - ongoing ALC professional development courses.

**Directors** - An individual who has responsibility for the day-to-day operations of an early childhood program in alignment with denominational and civil regulations.

**Early Childhood Developmental Learning Standards** - a set of developmental milestones that describe what children from birth until kindergarten entry should experience, and be able to express in their disposition toward learning.

**ECE** — Early Childhood Education - this describes the period of learning that takes place from birth to 7 years old.

**Fine Motor** - generally refer to the small movements of the hands, wrists, fingers, feet, toes, lips, and tongue.

**Gross Motor** - are the abilities required in order to control the large muscles of the body for walking, running, sitting, crawling, and other activities involving similar physicality.

**Learning Styles** — a variety of ways learners gather, sift through, interpret, organize, conclude, and retain information for further use.





## MORE DEFINITIONS

**NAD** - The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists is a sub-entity of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which oversees the denominational work.

**Online Platform** - An internet technology service for information, teaching, and learning purposes.

**Pre-Kindergarten** - A formal program designed to develop early learners in the school year immediately prior to their eligibility for entrance into Kindergarten. Pre-Kindergarten programs are under the auspices of the ECE system of education.

**Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Tool Kit** - A collection of materials that assist the teacher in tracking a child's progress.

**Pre-Kindergarten Progress Tracker** - A quarterly assessment tool used to communicate a child's developmental learning progression.

**Professional Development** - Concentrated ongoing training and education of an individual in regard to his or her career.

**Readiness Skills** - Physical, motor, social-emotional, behavioral, linguistic, and cognitive abilities indicating preparedness to enter formal schooling.

**Social-emotional** - A skill that includes a child's experience, expression, and management of emotions as well as the ability to establish positive and rewarding relationships with others.

**Teacher** - A faculty member who has direct responsibility for the care, supervision, management, curricular planning, and instructing of a group of young children.

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