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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
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Educational Service District Early Learning Directors  
School District Superintendents  
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School District Assessment Coordinators  
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RE: 2017–18 Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Development (WaKIDS)  
Implementation Grants

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The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information about the WaKIDS implementation grants available to districts with new state funded full-day kindergartens in 2017–18.

These noncompetitive grants will be distributed based on the number of kindergarten teachers implementing WaKIDS in schools receiving state funds for the first time in 2017–18 for full-day kindergarten. OSPI will inform districts through iGrants (FP 737) when funding is available. Districts with schools receiving state funds for the first time are eligible for \$200 per teacher to be used in 2017–18 school year. Applications must be completed in iGrants by October 30, 2017.

Districts can use the funding to implement any component of WaKIDS: Family Connection, Whole Child Assessment, and/or Early Learning Collaboration. Districts may use implementation grant funding to:

- Provide substitutes for releasing teachers to plan and administer WaKIDS.
- Pay for travel expenses for teachers to attend WaKIDS training.
- Purchase hand-held devices to record or input data.
- Pay paraprofessionals to support kindergarten teachers during the assessment period.
- Pay for interpreters for the Family Connection.

- Align curriculum and other assessments with WaKIDS.
- Provide release time for inter- and intra-district collaboration to develop or share observation assessment strategies.
- Convene teachers and district staff to analyze WaKIDS assessment results.
- Provide release time for teachers to share strategies for modifying instruction based on WaKIDS assessment results.
- Convene meetings with kindergarten teachers and local child care providers.
- Support teachers to develop materials to share with local child care providers.

Districts may NOT use the funding to provide teacher compensation for the time it takes to plan, administer, and enter data for the assessment.

### **INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Amber Havens, WaKIDS Assessment Coordinator, at 360-725-6180 or email [amber.havens@k12.wa.us](mailto:amber.havens@k12.wa.us). The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

More information about WaKIDS, including the list of regional Educational Service District (ESD) WaKIDS contacts, is available on the [WaKIDS](http://www.wakids.wa.us) website. Additional information may be obtained by writing to [WaKIDS@k12.wa.us](mailto:WaKIDS@k12.wa.us).

This bulletin is also available on the OSPI website at [www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017](http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2017).

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