



REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

UPDATE: Final Update of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) Workgroup

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Authorizing legislation: ESHB 2586

(<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?year=2011&bill=2586>)

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Final Update

The Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) workgroup was established in [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2586](#) (ESHB 2586) to develop recommendations regarding the implementation of WaKIDS, how to implement WaKIDS in half-day classrooms, and how to reduce the number of other tests administered in kindergarten classrooms. Recommendations are to be submitted annually until state funding for full-day kindergarten is provided statewide.

Initial recommendations were submitted to the Legislature in January 2013 and may be downloaded at:

http://www.k12.wa.us/LegisGov/2013documents/WaKIDS_Legislative_Report_2013.pdf.

This 2013 report includes extensive information regarding the development and implementation of WaKIDS and the workgroup's initial recommendations.

Additional reports with the status of WaKIDS implementation and the workgroup's recommendations were submitted to the Legislature in December 2014

(<http://www.k12.wa.us/LegisGov/2014documents/WaKIDS2014.pdf>) and 2015

(<http://www.k12.wa.us/LegisGov/2015documents/2015-12-WaKIDS.pdf>).

In the 2016 session, the Legislature provided funding for statewide implementation of WaKIDS beginning in the 2016–17 school year. As such, the authorization for the workgroup has expired and the group was not reconvened in the fall of 2016. Please refer to the 2013, 2014, and 2015 reports for information regarding the workgroup and the status of its recommendations.

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