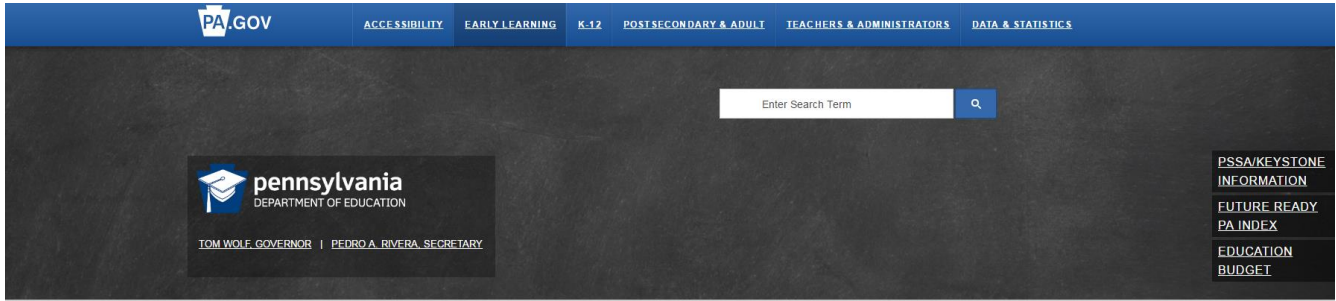


# Linking Standards to Curriculum and Assessment



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## EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

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The Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood are a critical piece for assisting teachers in designing classrooms that meet the developmental needs of children to help them succeed in school. In conjunction with the curriculum, a second equally important piece in an early childhood classroom, is curriculum-aligned assessments of children. Assessments that are implemented in the classroom and aligned

#### RESOURCES

[List of Certified Trainers for the Early Learning Standards](#)

[Infant, Toddler and Pre-Kindergarten Learning Standards for Early Childhood](#)

[Early Childhood Assessment for Children from Birth to Age 8 \(Grade 3\)](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 8 (GRADE 3)

**Infant-toddler (0-3 years)**

- [Pearson THE OUNCE SCALE](#)

**Pre-kindergarten (3-5 years)**

<http://www.education.pa.gov/Early%20Learning/Early%20Learning%20Standards/Pages/default.aspx#.VmmAIL8eq8k>

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