FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT

Shared Decision-Making for Families

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

10 TERMS TO KNOW

1. ASSESSMENT*

The process of documenting knowledge, skills, attitudes, and beliefs. It is a tool or method of gathering information about the abilities of children.

2. CONSTRUCT (SKILL)

A topic that describes an area of development or skill for your child. For example, book orientation is a construct that describes how your child physically handles books.

3. DOMAIN

The five main sections that constructs are divided into: Emotional & Social Development, Approaches to Learning, Cognitive Development, Language Development & Communication, and Health & Physical Development.

4. DOCUMENTATION FORM

A tool used by a teacher to record their observations of your child’s progress.

5. FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

A process used by teachers to gather information, in multiple ways, about your child’s learning and development.

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6. LEARNING STATUS

A term used to describe what skill level your child is on within a construct.

7. OBSERVATION

A process that involves a teacher watching and listening to one child or a group of children and recording what they see and hear.

8. PROGRESSION

A form that describes the steps that occur in learning a skill. Teachers can use observations to place each child on a point on the progression to inform support.

9. SITUATION

A structured activity given to a child to see a child’s learning status through observation.

10. TASK

A process used by teachers to gather information, in multiple ways, about your child’s learning and development.

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