

## **Preschool LNSU Assessment Vermont School Quality Standards – Local Assessment Plan Vermont Early Learning Standards**

**Effective Date: July 1, 2004**

The Lamoille North Supervisory Union elementary schools have established a preschool program at each school. Programs may serve three year olds and typically serve all four year olds who want to attend. The preschool program is not a mandated program. It should not be confused with the individual district's responsibilities to serve resident children ages three through five who have a properly documented disability. Children with disabilities are welcome to attend and have been successful participants in the district preschool programs.

While it is not mandatory for young children to attend a preschool program it has proven to be successful in helping children achieve readiness for kindergarten. This has been adequately documented in national research. National research also documents the need to administer a local assessment for all preschool students so that information can be collected in a systematic fashion to guide the development and focus of play based learning activities that result in the development of specific skills for children that have been formally identified as school readiness skills.

The State of Vermont has created the Vermont Early Learning Standards (VELS) which public and private preschool programs are expected to use to ensure students are engaged in meaningful and developmentally appropriate learning activities. The LNSU Preschool programs are required by Vermont Statute to administer an approved assessment for each child two times a year from the Department of Education approved list of assessments.

1. LNSU preschool teachers will administer the assessment tool for each student enrolled in their program, twice annually, beginning in the 2009/2010 school year.
2. Requirements for submission of the data to the Vermont Department will be followed as mandated by the Department.



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