



# NC ELI for Families

## What is the NC ELI?

The NC ELI is the North Carolina Early Learning Inventory, a formative assessment process that is designed for all kindergarten teachers in NC to use with students as they enter their first year of school aged instruction. It is an observation based tool intended to be used in natural learning environments where developmentally appropriate learning activities are taking place. It focuses on the growth and development of the whole child in order to provide the teacher with a comprehensive view of what the child can do. It is required by law to be completed for each student in the state of NC according to the North Carolina State Board of Education Policy KNEC-017. Teachers are expected to use the information gained from the process to guide their planning and provide targeted learning opportunities for children.

## Areas of the NC ELI

The NC ELI focuses on six areas, or domains, of children's growth and development. Within each of the areas, the NC ELI looks at specific skills which promote the success and continued growth of Kindergarten children.

<p><b>Social-Emotional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manages feelings</li> <li>• Follows limits and expectations</li> <li>• Responds to emotional cues</li> <li>• Interacts with peers</li> <li>• Solves social problems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counts</li> <li>• Quantifies</li> <li>• Connects numerals with their quantities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follows directions</li> <li>• Tells about another time or place</li> </ul>
<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notices and discriminates rhyme</li> <li>• Notices and discriminates alliteration</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses fingers and hands</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cognitive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attends and engages</li> </ul>

## Color Band

Colors are used to indicate the age or class/grade ranges for these expectations. Red, orange, and yellow code each year of life for the first 3 years. Green, blue and purple code classes/grades for Preschool age 3 through kindergarten and pink, gray and brown for 1st through 3rd grades.



