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Please read this entire E Alert for important information about the November Checkpoints.

PSESD Head Start/EHS and DEL-ECEAP are extending the GOLD fall checkpoint date to November 30.

This is because of the challenges with the Teaching Strategies GOLD data system this fall.

We encourage you to enter GOLD checkpoints earlier than November 30 whenever possible. That way our annual results show as much growth as really happens for children in ECEAP, Head Start and Early Head Start. However, we know that many individuals have had difficulty accessing GOLD and some child portfolios were not available throughout this checkpoint period.

You have these three options:

- 1. Finalize your checkpoints by the 15th if you are able to do so, and complete your conferences/home visits as scheduled.**

In order to finalize checkpoints, you must have the child's first day of class entered, the child's colorband set, and the Home Language Survey completed. In addition, **you will have to finalize checkpoints by child for children who have objectives 37 & 38.** Currently, *MyTeachingStrategies* will not allow you to finalize for objectives 37 & 38 by classroom. You must do this by individual child. Your overall report will not show that these have been finalized for your class. This is a system problem that appears to be because not all children have these objectives. This will have to be addressed in the future and you will not be held responsible for finalizing these until the system is fixed.

Go here for step by step instructions to finalize Checkpoints

https://teachingstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/MyTeachingStrategies-How-To-Guide-for-Teachers_Checkpoints.pdf. There are also two short videos

<https://vimeo.com/212310011/1e37830d4d> and

<https://vimeo.com/212309992/ba777df0b4> that can be accessed from the Messages page in GOLD. The original message with this information was sent by Teaching Strategies to GOLD accounts on 10/24/17.

- 2. Complete your scheduled home visit using the information you have from observations, screening and parent input, then finalize checkpoints as soon as possible and before November 30.**

3. Finalize your checkpoints between the 15th and the 30th and schedule your home visit or conference within two weeks of when you finalized (up to December 14.)

Please continue to send requests for technical assistance directly to Teaching Strategies. You can submit a form [please fill out this form](#), or call directly at 1-866-736-5913 (7:00 am to 9:00 pm ET, Monday through Friday). For ECEAP also send to del.wa@teachingstrategies.com and notify Sue Gettman at sgettman@psesd.org about the issues you are facing. For Head Start/EHS also notify Carol Weaver at cweaver@psesd.org.

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