

# DESSA

## DEVEREUX STUDENT STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

K-8TH GRADE



A measure of behaviors related to resilience, social-emotional competence, and school success



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## What Is the DESSA?

The DESSA, is a standardized, strength-based measure of social-emotional competencies of children in kindergarten through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Grounded in resilience theory, the DESSA provides user-friendly, practical tools that meet the highest professional standards. With the DESSA, parents, teachers, and after school program staff can assess social-emotional skills related to school and life success. Administration time is less than ten minutes.

## Why Should I Use the DESSA?

- Assess skills related to social-emotional competence, resilience, and academic success
- Measure outcomes of social-emotional learning programs, and compliance with social-emotional learning standards at the child, class, school, and district level
- Identify children at risk of developing social-emotional problems
- Identify social-emotional strengths and needs for individualized education programs (IEPs)
- Enhance teacher practice with unique interpretation tools found only in the DESSA and other Devereux assessments
- User-friendly, no special training or certification required

**Nationally normed on 2,500 children, the DESSA continues the tradition of meaningful, practical and empirically sound evaluation of children's strengths established by the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment.**



# The DESSA is an empirically sound, strength-based assessment at all three levels of intervention:

## At the universal (Tier I) level –

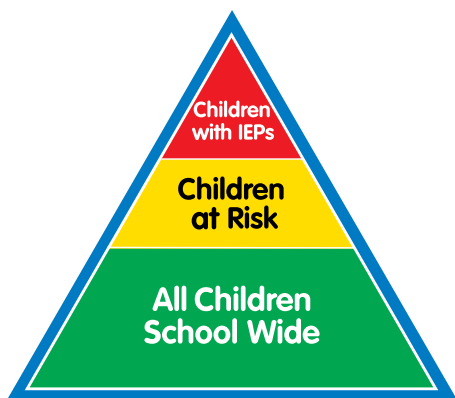
- Assess all children for social-emotional strengths and areas needing further development
- Assess the outcomes of social-emotional learning and school-wide positive behavior support programs

## At the targeted (Tier II) level –

- Identify children at risk
- Identify specific social-emotional competencies that need further development

## At the indicated (Tier III) level –

- Contribute to eligibility determinations
- Identify meaningful strength statements for IEPs
- Facilitate parent collaboration



Assessment for Children at ALL levels!

## DESSA Includes:

Grades K-8. The DESSA complete kit includes the manual, norms reference card, and 25 paper record forms in a vinyl portfolio. A classroom profile, which identifies common student strengths and needs, can be downloaded from [www.k5kaplan.com](http://www.k5kaplan.com).

16430	DESSA Complete Kit	\$115.95
16195	DESSA Manual (only)	74.95
16143	Norms Reference Card	6.95
16056	Paper Record Forms (25)	39.95
16484	Online Administration Record Forms & Scoring Report (25)	32.25



## DESSA Features:

- 72 items
- Standardization sample ( $n=2,500$ ) reflects the diversity of children today
- Established reliability and validity
- Individual child and classroom profiles
- Advanced interpretation including rater comparison and outcome evaluation

## 72 Strength-Based Items Comprise These 8 Scales:

- Optimistic Thinking
- Relationship Skills
- Self-Awareness
- Personal Responsibility
- Self-Management
- Goal-Directed Behavior
- Social-Awareness
- Decision Making

## Online:

- On-line administration, scoring and individual student reports available
- Free downloadable classroom profile

Professional Development  
Available  
Call 1- 866-TRAIN-US  
for more information





### Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program for Infants and Toddlers (DECA-I/T)

A premier tool for assessing protective factors and screening for potential risks in the social and emotional development of very young children.

**16139 DECA I/T Kit \$199.95**

**For Children  
1-36 months**



### Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Program for Preschoolers

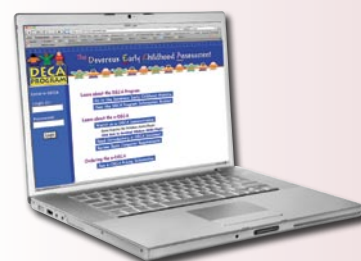
The DECA is a strength-based assessment and planning system that reduces behavioral problems through focusing on preschoolers' strengths and promoting resilience.

#### A research-based resource, the DECA Program:

- Provides developmentally appropriate strategies that foster resilience
- Supports collaboration among parents, teachers and mental health professionals
- Evaluates the effectiveness of individual child and program-wide interventions

**41009 DECA Kit \$199.95**

**For Children  
2-5 years**



#### e-DECA

#### The e-DECA provides:

- Individual child profile
- Classroom profile
- Rater comparisons (parent to parent, teacher to parent, and teacher to teacher)
- Pretest-posttest comparisons (to measure outcomes)
- Parent letter

**47970 Annual Web Maintenance License**  
(mandatory purchase) **\$249.95**

**10111 e-DECA Kit** **119.95**

**47971 By Administration Option (40)** **39.95**

**47972 By Child Option** **2.95**

### Devereux Early Childhood Clinical Form (DECA-C)

The DECA-C is designed to be used with those select children who are already showing significant behavioral concerns. The DECA-C contains all of the strength-based, resilience items and scales found on the DECA, but also assesses social and emotional concerns including: aggression, attention problems, emotional control problems, and withdrawal/depression.

#### DECA-C Kit includes:

30 Record Forms, User Manual, Norms Reference Card, packaged in a vinyl portfolio.

**98817 DECA-C Kit \$125.95**

DECA-C is designed to be interpreted by a qualified mental health professional or special educational professional\*.

\*Customer qualification form must be approved before ordering.

