

Dear Colorado Customer,

For those of you that are new subscribers, welcome to Teaching Strategies® *GOLD*™ online! To all returning subscribers, congratulations on completing a successful year of implementation!

As you prepare for the coming year, we wanted to share a few important pieces of information:

1. **Pricing:** The discounted pricing for Colorado Kindergarten portfolios of \$8.95 per child remains the same for all Kindergarten students. This is a savings of up to \$12.00 per child!
2. **Contract Dates:** *GOLD*® online contracts for Kindergarten programs run from August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017. You can begin the renewal process at any time prior to August 1, 2016.
3. **Special Note about Subscriptions for Kindergarten Portfolios:**
 - For the 2016-17 school year, Kindergarten users in districts that have selected *GOLD*® for Kindergarten school readiness assessment will be on the Birth-Third Grade platform that features expanded progressions for development and learning through third grade. **This means that Kindergarten portfolios will be under a separate *GOLD*® license from the preschool portfolios.** Kindergarten teachers should not add Kindergarten portfolios to the Birth-Kindergarten platform. They should only add Kindergarten portfolios to the Birth-Third Grade platform. Districts that plan to implement *GOLD*® in Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year will be offered a price of \$8.95 per Kindergarten student. **Please indicate to the Teaching Strategies representative the number of Preschool portfolios separate from Kindergarten portfolios so that the two license agreements can be set up appropriately.** Your school district will be receiving a separate correspondence strictly pertaining to your Kindergarten license. For the 2016-17 school year, CDE will reimburse 100% of the portfolio subscription price for each Kindergarten student. For information on the reimbursement process please refer to <http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolreadiness>
4. **Basic Courses and Interrater Reliability Certification:** Your subscription to *GOLD*® Birth-Third Grade online includes access online orientation courses (Basic Course) and Interrater Reliability certification. The *GOLD*® online Basic Course and Interrater Reliability are both free of charge and can be found within the Professional Development tab. While there are no specific professional development requirements for Kindergarten users, we highly encourage teacher to complete the online course, complete Interrater Reliability, and attend one of the state-wide regional trainings being offered this summer. This allows users to become familiar with the tool and to plan for focused observations as part of their everyday instruction. To register for summer training information, please refer to <http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolreadiness>.
5. **Steps for Ordering Your *GOLD*® Subscription:** Here are the 6 steps to get started with your *GOLD*® renewal:

- a. Determine how many student portfolios you will need.
- b. If your school district needs Kindergarten student portfolios as well as Preschool, please indicate to the Teaching Strategies representative the number of Preschool portfolios separate from Kindergarten portfolios so that the two license agreements can be set up appropriately.
- c. Your School Readiness administrator should contact Teaching Strategies at renewals@teachingstrategies.com and let the representative know that you are under the Colorado Kindergarten license, the name of your district, and how many Kindergarten portfolios you need for this coming school year.
- d. In mid-June, watch for your new agreement to arrive electronically via DocuSign.
- e. Return the agreement with signature and payment.
- f. Once your new account is live, we recommend that you add your sites and teachers.

We are looking forward to helping you achieve another successful year. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help support you!

Sincerely,

The Teaching Strategies *GOLD*[®] Colorado Team