

Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), Preschool Second Edition: DECA-P2

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| Description | The DECA-P2 is a behavior rating scale that is completed by teachers and/or parents. It provides an assessment of within-child protective factors central to social and emotional health and resilience and can also be used as a screener for behavioral concerns, in children ages 3 through 5 years old (up to their 6 th birthday). |
| Authors, publisher | Paul A. LeBuffe and Jack A. Naglieri (2012), Kaplan Early Learning Company, www.kaplanco.com/devereux |
| Administration time | Approximately 5-10 minutes to complete on paper and 3-5 minutes to complete online |
| Age range | 3-5 years old (up to 6 th birthday) |
| Raters/users | Teachers, caregivers, parents, family members |
| Total items/scales | 38 items: Total Protective Factors (TPF), Initiative (IN), Self-Regulation (SR), Attachment/Relationships (AR) |
| Reading level | 6 th grade |
| Languages | English and Spanish; culturally appropriate items (interpret results with child's culture in mind) |
| Pricing | Online, web-based system (e-DECA): Annual license = \$299.95, Ratings = range between \$1.00-\$4.50 each, Click here to learn more Printed, hard copy resources (the DECA-P2 kit) = \$229.95 |
| Assessment, screener | The DECA-P2 can be used as a screening tool or an assessment tool, depending on the process and purpose for which it is used. Click here to learn more. |
| Psychometrics | Meets or exceeds professional standards (details in full summary and User's Manual) |
| Standardization sample | Nationally representative sample included 3,553 children, ages 3-5 years old |
| Standard scores | Percentile ranks and T-scores are provided for each scale |
| Advanced interpretation | Individual item analysis; percentage delay; comparisons across raters; pretest-posttest comparison; evaluating outcomes at the child and program levels |
| Strategies, planning | Strength-based strategies and planning guidelines offered for teachers, caregivers, and families in the DECA-P2 resources. Learn more. |
| Platform, delivery method | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online, web-based system (e-DECA); click here to learn more • Printed, hard copy resources also available; click here to learn more |
| Professional development/training | <p>Training is not required to use the DECA-P2, but a variety of training/professional development opportunities are available. Contact Director of Professional Development Debi Mahler at dmahler@devereux.org for more information.</p> <p>You can also check out our national calendar. We offer free webinars and virtual trainings every school/program year.</p> |
| Meets professional standards | The DECA-P2 helps programs meet the standards of both the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Head Start. Learn more here . |

References

- LeBuffe, P.A. & Naglieri, J.A. (2012). *Devereux early childhood assessment for preschoolers, second edition*. Lewisville, NC: Kaplan Early Learning Company.
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