


Birth to Age Six



Results you can trust.
That's the **COR***Advantage*[®]



Rely on HighScope's early childhood assessment for the **highest quality insight** and results you need.

How does COR Advantage® drive strong child outcomes? We help you turn data into action.

Experts agree, and research widely supports, that authentic, observation-based assessment is the most effective approach to early childhood assessment because it paints an accurate picture of children's development and learning. But high-quality, authentic assessment can be time-consuming and overwhelming, especially to new teachers.

That's why HighScope's COR (Child Observation Record) is designed *by teachers for teachers* with streamlined requirements, thorough professional learning support, and a practical ongoing assessment routine to ensure both teacher accuracy and child success.

COR Advantage helps teachers capture and analyze each day's play-based learning and then translate it into positive child outcomes through targeted, individualized instruction. Why choose COR Advantage as your program's assessment tool?

- *Criterion-referenced, valid, and reliable, COR meets the highest standards for early childhood assessment and delivers consistent data administrators can rely on to guide programs to the next level.*
- *Built on the 36 items most critical for school readiness, COR saves teachers time with fewer items to score so they can stay focused on child engagement.*
- *With a clear, three-step assessment cycle, COR frames observation-based assessment in a manageable way so teachers are confident in their daily implementation.*
- *COR's online tool offers prompts and in-the-moment support, increasing the accuracy of teachers' scores and reliably delivering strong child outcomes.*
- *Powerful tools for the instructional day, from reports to lesson plans, help teachers turn data into action — keeping them focused on what matters most for children's individual progress and growth.*
- *COR's individualized professional learning environment wraps educators in support, ensuring that teachers at all levels are prepared to nurture each child's growth and assess with confidence.*
- *An economical choice, COR Advantage gives educators all the assessment power they need while saving limited funds for other important program demands.*
- *Available in English and Spanish to support all teachers.*

Criterion-referenced. Valid and reliable. For use with children birth to age six. Compatible with any developmentally appropriate curriculum. Teacher-designed and teacher-tested.

Let's take a closer look at COR Advantage!



Stay *focused* on what matters **most** for school readiness.

COR Advantage® is based on 36 items that are proven by research to best prepare children for school success.

In addition to thoroughly covering eight major areas of growth and development, COR also offers two items specifically designed to support English language learning. COR's items are based on current early childhood standards, ensuring that teachers have access to widely held expectations of what children should know and be able to do right at their fingertips.

Respectful of teachers' time, COR Advantage has the fewest items of any early childhood assessment and does not have additional hidden items or dimensions within each category. COR's structure allows teachers to assess accurately with as few items as possible — keeping the instructional day focused on what is most important: children's own interests and explorations.

COR Advantage is streamlined for teacher and child success, starting with the essential items it is built upon.

COR CONTENT CATEGORIES AND ITEMS

APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- A. Initiative and planning
- B. Problem solving with materials
- C. Reflection

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- D. Emotions
- E. Building relationships with adults
- F. Building relationships with other children
- G. Community
- H. Conflict resolution

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH

- I. Gross-motor skills
- J. Fine-motor skills
- K. Personal care and healthy behavior

LANGUAGE, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

- L. Speaking
- M. Listening and comprehension
- N. Phonological awareness
- O. Alphabetic knowledge
- P. Reading
- Q. Book enjoyment and knowledge
- R. Writing

MATHEMATICS

- S. Number and counting
- T. Geometry: Shapes and spatial awareness
- U. Measurement
- V. Patterns
- W. Data analysis

CREATIVE ARTS

- X. Art
- Y. Music
- Z. Movement
- AA. Pretend play

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- BB. Observing and classifying
- CC. Experimenting, predicting, and drawing conclusions
- DD. Natural and physical world
- EE. Tools and technology

SOCIAL STUDIES

- FF. Knowledge of self and others
- GG. Geography
- HH. History

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING (ELL)

- II. Listening to and understanding English
- JJ. Speaking English



Proven by research.

COR Advantage is criterion-referenced, research-based, and proven valid and reliable through rigorous validation studies. What does this mean? COR is designed to systematically assess children's knowledge and abilities in eight areas, with each item backed by detailed descriptions of what mastery looks like at every level. It is proven to measure all 36 items accurately. And assessment results for COR Advantage are proven consistent, even when the tool is used around the country by different teachers, in different programs, and with different children of varying needs and abilities.

HighScope also offers Inter-Rater Reliability certification so programs can feel confident that every teacher is using the instrument reliably. COR Advantage is aligned to the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, Common Core State Standards, HighScope key developmental indicators, and early learning state standards. It can be used with any developmentally appropriate curriculum.

Put simply, count on COR Advantage for accurate, research-based assessment.



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Plan. Do. Review.[®]

An assessment cycle that's **outcomes-focused** and *easy to understand.*

Plan-Do-Review[®] is a defining part of daily routines in HighScope programs and is also the foundation for how children and adults move successfully through life.

PLAN: focus, set goals, and prepare

Teachers prepare for each child's individual success with intentional planning. They regularly examine children's data in COR Advantage's online reports and portfolios, monitor changes and progress in children's development, and then structure individualized and group daily plans using COR's integrated planning tool.

DO: acquire and apply skills, experiment, and solve problems

Do is teachers in action in the classroom observing children, recording their progress with photos and anecdotes, and offering engaging learning experiences to support each child's unique needs. With easy-to-use online tools, COR Advantage helps teachers stay focused on teaching.

REVIEW: reflect, evaluate, and share

Review is the time of synthesis, when teachers reflect on their observations and evaluate children's progress. COR Advantage's detailed levels and examples support teachers as they score anecdotes; comprehensive reports help users share progress with stakeholders; and the Family Network lets teachers and families communicate online and extend learning at home.

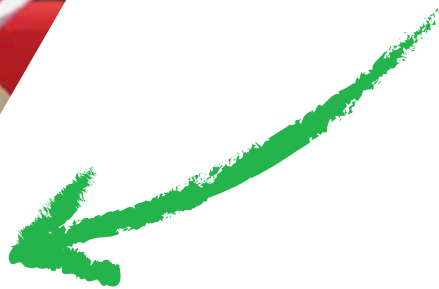
By applying *Plan-Do-Review* to the assessment cycle, teachers and administrators can meaningfully guide each child's individual development — supported every step of the way by COR Advantage.



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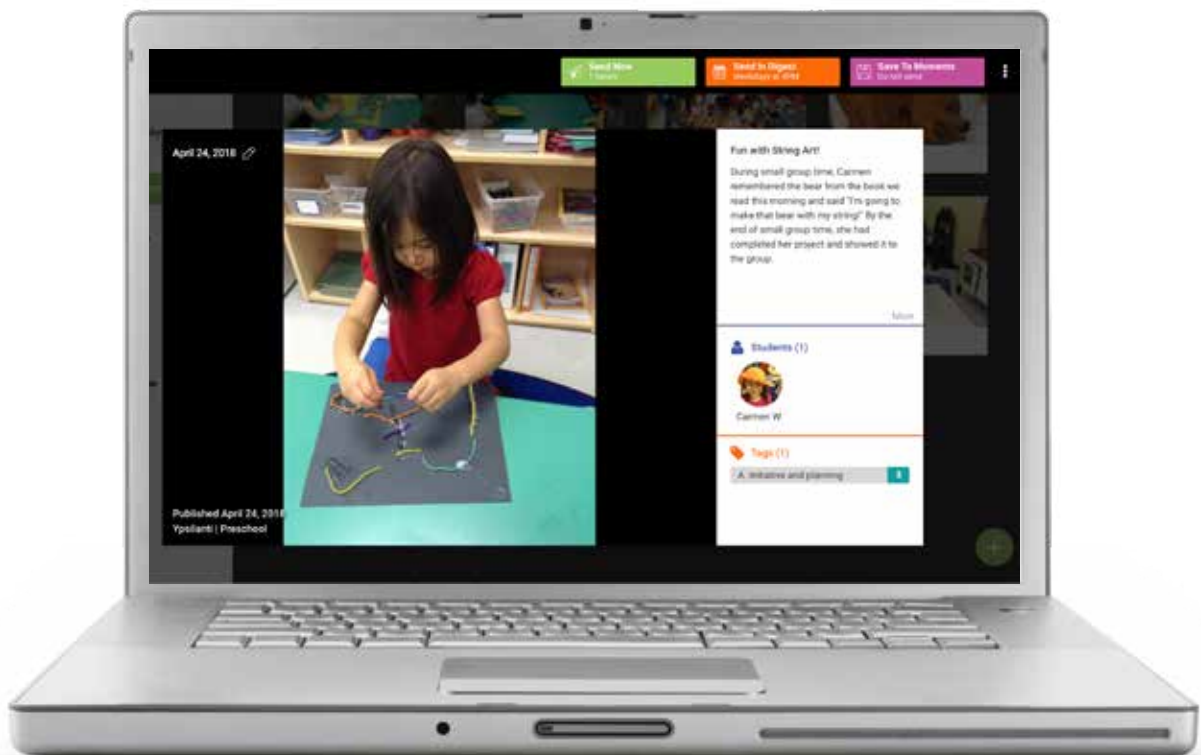
Leave nothing to chance with **COR's** reliable *assessment* structure.

Assessment shouldn't leave a teacher guessing, and HighScope designed a structure that ensures the data coming into COR Advantage® will translate into actionable insight.

By providing detailed examples at every scoring level, COR guides teachers to be reflective and accurate in the scoring process. Clear descriptions of every item at every level, including sample anecdotes, are an essential strength of COR Advantage that reduces guesswork and score inflation.

COR has built-in prompts and reminders so that teachers back all scores with evidence. And COR uses a consistent scoring structure across all ages and levels, which is easier for teachers to learn and apply. Inter-Rater Reliability certification also adds another layer of assurance that teachers thoroughly understand the observation and assessment process and are scoring with accuracy.

COR Advantage users have high confidence in the accuracy of their assessment data because of the instrument's reliable structure. **With COR Advantage, high-quality child data *in* means high-quality child insight out.**



“COR looks at all developmental domains. I like the scale it has, so teachers know where a child is and what comes next and where a child should be moving.”

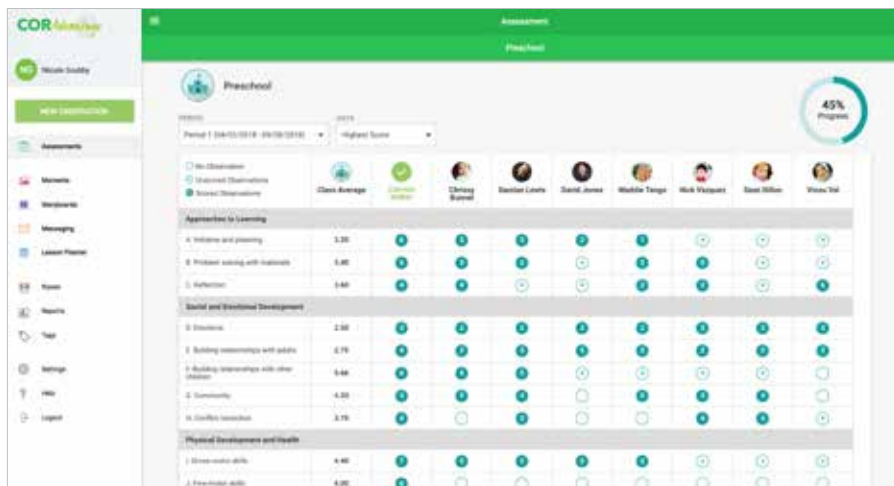
—Joan Firestone, Director of Early Childhood, MI



Turn data into action with *insight* for the instructional day.

HighScope believes assessment should be a rewarding process for teachers, rather than just another administrative box check.

With COR Advantage®, assessment data empowers teachers and engages administrators and families so children can grow and develop in the most optimal way. To help teachers more easily work with the powerful information they are gathering, COR Advantage provides three online solutions that turn data into action: a suite of reports, a customizable planning tool, and the Family Network.



Analyze Progress and Growth With Reports

COR Advantage offers a suite of assessment reports designed to help programs easily understand their child data — all at the click of a mouse. When programs use reports to see assessment results at the child, classroom, and program level, they can strengthen intentional teaching, build learner-focused daily plans, and deliver better child outcomes.

Real-Time Dashboards: The Category View dashboard puts data front-and center for teachers and administrators alike. Updated in real time, the dashboard provides a snapshot of assessment completion at the classroom or program level. Teachers may view unassessed items, as well as the items in which children need the most support, guiding activity planning and scaffolding.

Customizable Reports: COR Advantage's suite of reports allows administrators and teachers to view performance, growth, and completion data. All data can be filtered by attributes such as funding source, age, or race. The *Performance Report* allows educators to view a summary of all children's assessment data at the classroom or program level within an assessment period, while the *Growth Report* allows them to view longitudinal data, providing valuable insight on program effectiveness. The *Completion Report* allows programs or classrooms to view a summary of the completion status for a specific assessment period.

Family Report: The *Family Report* is a customizable summary of a child's development and learning to support teachers' conversations with families about children's strengths and next steps for growth.



Individualize Instruction With Daily Plans

To support data-driven instruction, COR Advantage's built-in daily planning tool allows teachers to create a rich library of activities.

Each activity can be connected to COR Advantage items, early learning standards, or HighScope's Key Developmental Indicators, and can be dropped into subsequent plans for future use.

Engage Families with Messaging and Daily Sheets

Built right into the COR Advantage system are several family engagement features specifically designed to strengthen relationships between home and school. Teachers can easily share observations, create dynamic newsletters, and update parents with digital daily sheets, all with just a few clicks.

“Compared to other tools, COR saves time. Its strength is its accessibility and the variety of use you can get through the reports and communication with parents. It helps you know where children are developmentally, and how to move them to the next level.”

— Rozlyn Grant, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Early Learning, OH

Wrap teachers in **personalized assessment support.**

Authentic, observation-based assessment is what is right for young children.

And we realize that it can be time-consuming and challenging. That's why HighScope built the highest quality professional learning program for COR Advantage®. With coursework designed *by teachers for teachers*, HighScope's comprehensive professional learning model features the best of adult learning research through active engagement, teacher voice, collaboration, inquiry, and reflection.

HighScope prepares teachers to assess with confidence from day one, with highly qualified, supportive trainers widely recognized as the best in the field. Assessment courses start with a focus on the fundamentals of good teaching and then build to more complex topics such as high-quality observation and documentation. Courses are designed to provide thorough training for teams at all levels, and every professional learning experience offers inspiring ideas and strategies that educators can immediately put to use in their classrooms.

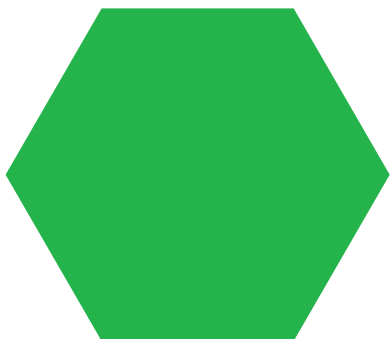
Beyond coursework, HighScope also offers Inter-Rater Reliability certification so programs can rest assured that every teacher is using the instrument reliably. And videos and help resources embedded throughout the assessment tool reinforce training and offer in-the-moment support specifically designed for new users.

In-person professional learning sessions are held at HighScope's historic campus in Ypsilanti, Michigan, or on site at schools and programs. Online courses are available year-round, offering teachers scheduling flexibility along with the one-on-one support of dedicated trainers and a cohort of peers from around the country. A current listing of professional learning opportunities can be found at [HighScope.org](https://www.highscope.org).

When it comes to observation-based assessment, HighScope experts walk side-by-side with teachers to ensure they're prepared for success.

“With COR, it's easy to show progress for a child, a class. It helps teachers feel professional about their work — it's easy for them to articulate how much children are learning, how important play is, how their children are becoming ready for school.”

— *Judy Burleson, Early Education Manager, FL*





Count on stable technology, friendly service, and **50 years of trusted leadership.**

COR Advantage® is powered by HighScope — but what does that mean for users? In part, it means that COR Advantage is dependable and ready to go, built on a reliable platform that simply works — supporting programs' important work all year long.

It also means that HighScope provides not just one but two customer support teams, with expertise in both implementation and technology to manage the full range of educators' needs. Best of all, that personal support is free, available to every COR Advantage customer without any extra start-up or implementation fees.

But most important, it means that COR Advantage is backed by 50 years of early childhood research that still guides best practices and policy today. HighScope is the thought leader in early childhood because its focus is on educators. HighScope collaborates with teachers to study classroom practice and child outcomes, and then brings the best of that learning back to programs across the country.

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Assessment today for lifelong success — now that's the COR Advantage.







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