

## **Recommended Developmental Screening Tool**

**BRIGANCE Early Childhood Screens III** 

**Description:** The BRIGANCE Early Childhood Screens III are available in three age-specific volumes\* and evaluate early development. The two age-specific volumes of the BRIGANCE that can be used are:

- Early Childhood Screen III (0–35 months)—to screen infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds.
- Early Childhood Screen III (3–5 years)—to screen three, four, and five-year-olds.

Each screen takes approximately 10–15 minutes per child and allows for comparison of performance to the cutoff scores for delays and giftedness, as well as to the performance of same-age children. This set of screeners use observation, interviews, and child performance to pinpoint understanding in the domains tied to early development and school or kindergarten readiness. Examiners use one data sheet per child per screening.

\*Note: The third volume screen is available for kindergarten and 1st grade.

**Purposes:** The BRIGANCE Early Childhood Screens III have the following purposes:

- To identify early developmental delays and potential giftedness.
- To determine continued growth and development.
- To help guide instructional planning and monitor progress over time.

**Administered By:** Early childhood educators and professionals, intervention specialists, health care professionals, early childhood specialists, child development center personnel, and home visiting programs.

**Domains Screened:** Physical development, language development, academic skills/cognitive development, and self-help and social-emotional skills.

Age Ranges Covered: The categories of age ranges include birth to 35 months and three to five years.

Parent Involvement: Parent rating forms are used to help parents provide input on their child's skills.

**Recommended Intervals/Frequency:** Screenings should take place at least once a year. The American Academy of Pediatric Guidelines may also be followed at: <u>AAP Developmental Surveillance and Screening Patient Care.</u>

**Scoring Categories:** Screens are easy to score, either by hand or with the BRIGANCE Online Management System (OMS) and include cutoff scores to help determine which children may need a referral for special services.

**English Learners:** The BRIGANCE Screens III offers Spanish direction booklets to assist with delivering the assessment with explicit instruction for standard score validation. It is used in conjunction with the English examiner's manual. Spanish data sheets and parent/teacher feedback forms are included in the booklets as reproducible forms. It is recommended in each tool that children who do not speak English













as their primary language be assessed in their native language to determine language barriers versus true areas of weakness. It is recommended in each tool that children who do not speak English as their primary language be assessed in their native language to determine language barriers versus true areas of weakness. The Spanish version can be purchased in data sheet form. See the full list and pricing at: BRIGANCE Screens III Full Price List Including Spanish Directions.

**Materials Required/Format Used:** The following materials are included for the manual screener that can be electronically scored through the OMS:

- The Screens III Technical Manual provides technical documentation for the Screens III. It
  includes information about administration procedures, interpretation of results, screening
  children at risk, monitoring progress and informing instruction, standardization methodology,
  the reliability and validity, and the sensitivity and specificity of the measure. Scoring tables are
  found in the appendices.
- The Readiness Activities instructional resource consists of more than 300 fun lesson ideas tied to
  skills assessed within the Early Childhood Screens III and the Inventory of Early Development III
  (IED III). Lessons target essential kindergarten readiness skills, use multiple modalities and
  manipulatives, and often include modifications or extensions. Educators use this resource to link
  screening and ongoing assessment to developmentally appropriate instruction for each child.
- Take-Home Activity Books Collection: Educators send these short booklets home to give families
  a chance to partner in their child's learning. Each booklet explains what the child is currently
  learning and includes ideas for at-home practice of early mathematics and literacy skills. Readaloud book suggestions are also listed.

**Training:** Professional development trainings are available for each product through the publisher of BRIGANCE screening products and each course can be delivered as an in-person, onsite training (up to three-hour session, with the specialist available onsite for up to six hours for flexibility), or as a customized webinar (90 minutes). Additional training for the OMS can be delivered as a customized webinar (90 minutes) or as an add-on to the developmental screening III course. For more information, visit: <a href="mailto:BRIGANCE Training Information">BRIGANCE Training Information</a>.

**Costs:** The BRIGANCE Early Childhood Complete Assessment Kits III are: \$529.00 each for the (0-35 months) and the (3-5 years) screening systems. The Screen III Kit for (K-1<sup>st</sup>) is \$279. Screen III manuals, readiness activities, take-home activity books, data sheets, accessories, and Spanish directions can also be purchased separately. The OMS packages are sold separately for one- and three-year licenses and prices vary from \$3.50 to \$8.75 for blocks of ten per child. For a complete price list or to print a blank order form, visit: BRIGANCE Screens III Pricing for all kits/materials.

**Data:** The Screens III OMS is an online system for managing children's screening data. An easy-to-use graphical interface allows educators to access and review reports for individuals, classes, schools, and districts. The OMS generates a Screening Summary Report for each child that compares his or her raw score to the cutoff scores for delays and giftedness and provides normative scores for each domain assessed. The Group Screening Summary Report combines this information for analyzing data across groups. An easy-to-share parent report is also generated that shows a child's current development and progress and offers engagement activities for caregivers in support for their child's development at home. For more information, visit: <a href="mailto:BRIGANCE Screens III Technical Infographic">BRIGANCE Screens III Technical Infographic</a>.

For more information, visit: BRIGANCE Early Childhood Curriculum Associates.









