

## GODDARD SCHOOL GOES TO YALE

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**April, 2009** - Educational franchise The Goddard School® has been selected to participate in a pilot assessment program with the Yale University Child Study Center, Educational Records Bureau and Children's Progress.

A select number of Goddard Schools will work with researchers in pre-kindergarten through first grade. Unlike previous studies in which only a child's analytic skills have been tested, this program will examine a child's unique strengths in analytical, creative and practical abilities. "This is the first study of its kind for this age group and our participation in this new assessment offers Goddard the chance to work toward the study's goal of producing a more reliable and validated assessment program," said Joseph Schumacher, Goddard's chief operating officer.

As the assessment program takes into account the strengths of all types of learners, the data collected can be used in independent school admissions and placement decisions to ensure that a student will be able to thrive in his or her educational environment. The goal is to get a comprehensive understanding of how different children learn, said Christopher Camacho, director of research at Children's Progress.