



Curriculum Review and Approval Process FAQ's

How often does BFTS conduct a curriculum review?

BFTS conducts a curriculum review every three to five years.

What is the purpose of the curriculum review?

The purpose of the curriculum review and approval process is to identify curriculum models that best support Georgia's Pre-K Programs and are optimally aligned with the standards.

Why did BFTS decide to conduct a curriculum review in 2013-2014?

BFTS initiated the review in response to the recent revision and implementation of the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS).

When was the last curriculum review?

The last review took place in 2008.

How many curricula were submitted for the review?

24 curriculum models were submitted by curriculum publishers/authors.

How many curricula were approved?

18 curriculum models were approved; 13 non-proprietary and 5 proprietary models. *If curriculum is non-proprietary, it means that it can be purchased and used by anyone. If curriculum is proprietary, it means that it is exclusively developed and available for a specific program.*

What was the criteria for approval?

For approval, curriculum models had to demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

- Instructional Approach
- Alignment with GELDS
- Classroom and Behavior Management
- Family Engagement
- Assessment Process
- Professional Development

Where can I find the approved list?

The approved list is posted at <http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/Curriculum.aspx> along with brief summaries from all approved curriculum publishers

What if my curriculum is not on the approved list?

If your current curriculum is no longer on the approved list, you have until the end of the 2014-2015 school year to transition to a curriculum that is on the approved list.

How do I change to a new curriculum?

First, make sure the curriculum is on the approved list. Then, fill out the Curriculum Change Form (Appendix G) on <http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/GuidelinesandAppendix.aspx> and get it to your Pre-K Consultant. Your Pre-K Consultant will make sure it gets changed in Panda.

Can I use fiscal year 2014 Pre-K funding to purchase curriculum?

Yes, as long as you purchase the curriculum before June 30th.

Do all my teachers have to be trained on the curriculum?

In order for teachers to be successful in using your adopted curriculum, BFTS strongly recommends that all teachers in your program receive training.

If my teachers attend curriculum training, do they have to attend the BFTS/Best Practices training?

Yes, all Georgia Pre-K teachers, assistant teachers, and directors are required to attend the BFTS/Best Practices training each year.