

Georgia's Pre-K Program 2018-2019 Providers' Operating Guidelines Updates

This document highlights program guidelines updates for the 2018-2019 school year. This is not a complete listing so please read the entire *2018-2019 School Year Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines* for all updates.

Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition Screening (Form 3300) – Section 3.11

A section is included specifically for Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition Screening (Form 3300). This section outlines requirements regarding vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition screenings. These screenings must have been conducted within 12 months prior to the start of the Pre-K program.

Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231) – Section 3.12

A section is included specifically for Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231). This section outlines requirements regarding immunization certificates. Georgia law allows for two types of exemptions from the immunization requirements: medical and religious. This section provides details about the two types of exemptions.

Inclement Weather Closures and Make-Up Days – Section 5.11

Information is provided to help providers determine how and if to reschedule the days that were canceled due to inclement weather. Guidance in teacher salaries is also included.

Children with Behavioral Concerns – Section 6.3

This section has been updated to align with House Bill 740. A multi-tiered system of supports should be implemented to help children be successful within a program.

Immediate Suspension and Extended Suspension – Sections 6.5 and 6.6

These sections have been updated to align with House Bill 740. Programs can implement immediate suspension up to two days at a time but no more than five days during the school year.

Credential/Certification Requirements – Section 12.3

This section includes two new approved lead teacher credentials:

- Bachelor's Degree - **Elementary Reading and Literacy.**
- Teaching Certificate Level 4 and Teaching Certificate Level 5 - **Montessori PK2-K (Ages 2 ½ -6)**

Late Arrival to Training – Section 15.6

This section has been updated to include information about individuals who arrive late to Pre-K training.

Payments - Section 18.3

This section has been updated to include information about prorated teacher salaries and summer personnel expenses.

Program Summary Chart – Section 19.1

The 2018-2019 Pre-K Rate/Per Child Estimate Chart is designed to help providers estimate the amount of grant funding for an individual class with full enrollment. Also included are instructions for using the rate chart.

Special Allotment Funding – Section 20.13

Special Allotment Funding is provided to eligible sites when funding permits. This section is new and provides guidance for expending special allotment funding.

Inclusion Classrooms – Section 26.0

This section is new and provides guidance to programs who have received prior approval from DECAL to operate a Georgia's Pre-K Inclusion classroom.