



## Georgia's Pre-K Program 2020 - 2021 Provider's Operating Guidelines Updates

This document highlights program guidelines updates for the 2020-2021 school year. This is not a complete listing so please read the entire *2020 - 2021 School Year Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines* for all updates.

### **COVID-19 Guidance Document**

The *2020 - 2021 Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines* includes guidance specific to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The COVID-19 Guidance document is located at the end of the Guidelines and provides additional information for specific sections of the Guidelines.

\*Denotes when guidance specific to COVID-19 is included in the COVID-19 Guidance document.

### **Immediate Suspension - Section 6.5**

Additional information has been added to this section for clarification regarding the immediate suspension of students in Georgia's Pre-K classrooms.

### **Pre-K Teacher Enrollment in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS) – Section 11.3**

This section is new and includes information about Pre-K teacher's enrollment in the GaPDS.

### **Lead Teachers Salary Components – Section 12.7**

The 2020 – 2021 Creditable Years of Experience Supplemental Compensation Chart has been added to this section.

### **Expenditure Waivers – Section 17.5**

This is a new type of waiver that has been added for providers that have a program-wide salary scale for assistant teachers. Providers may request permission to implement the salary scale for Pre-K Assistant Teachers.

### **Payment Disputes – Section 18.6**

Additional information has been added to this section for clarification regarding payment disputes.

### **Program Summary Chart – Section 19.1**

The 2020 - 2021 Pre-K budget includes a 2.08% decrease for the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) benefit rate. This budget decrease applies only to Public School providers.