



## **Curriculum Review and Approval Process FAQ's**

### **How often does BFTS conduct a curriculum review?**

BFTS conducts a curriculum review every five to seven 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.

### **When was the last curriculum review?**

The last review took place in 2014.

### **How many curricula were submitted for the review?**

25 curriculum models were submitted by curriculum publishers/authors.

### **How many curricula were approved?**

19 curriculum models were approved: 11 non-proprietary and 8 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

### **What if my curriculum is not on the approved list?**

If your current curriculum is no longer on the approved list, you have until June 12, 2020, to select 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, complete the Curriculum Change Form (Appendix G) on <http://decal.ga.gov/Prek/GuidelinesandAppendix.aspx> and email or fax it to your Pre-K Specialist.

**Can I use fiscal year 2020 Pre-K funding to purchase curriculum?**

Yes, as long as you purchase the curriculum before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

For teachers to be successful in using your adopted curriculum, DECAL strongly recommends that all teachers in your program receive training.

**If my teachers attend curriculum training, do they have to attend Georgia's Pre-K teacher training?**

Yes, all Georgia's Pre-K lead and assistant teachers are required to attend Georgia's Pre-K teacher training each school year.