

# Georgia's Pre-K Program PANDA Roster System: ChildPlus Process





#### Overview



#### Student Data Entry

- Entering student data
- Required documentation for student data entry
- Submitting roster to DECAL
- Avoiding/addressing data entry issues



## **Entering Student Information Options**

#### Manual Data Entry

• Each student is entered via the Add Student screen in PANDA.

#### Upload Process

- Program creates student upload file(s) and uploads Student information in bulk to PANDA.
- Available until the first roster has been submitted for the class.
- This option is available for public and private providers.
- Programs using ChildPlus should use the pre-populated template from ChildPlus.



#### Pre-K Roster Reporting Dates

#### **Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines (18.6)**

ROSTER	<b>OPEN FOR ENTRY</b>	COUNT DATE	<b>DUE DATE</b>
1	8/1/2022	9/9/2022	9/16/2022
2	10/3/2022	11/4/2022	11/14/2022
3	12/9/2022	1/13/2023	1/20/2023
4	2/10/2023	3/10/2023	3/17/2023



#### Count Date and Due Date

#### **Count Date**

- Date providers verify students who are enrolled and physically attending in their program.
- Students who have physically attended the program but are absent on the count date should be reported on the roster.
- Children whose parents have submitted enrollment paperwork but have not attended a scheduled Pre-K instructional day should not be reported.



• Any changes occurring after the count should be reported on the next roster.

#### **Due Date**

- The roster and waiting lists should be submitted by close of business on the due date.
- It is very important that the roster is submitted on time.
- The October May payments will be based on roster data, and the data will be reviewed to determine proration of operating costs.



#### Log in to PANDA





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Support for Panda is available from 8 AM - 5 PM Monday through Friday. All emails o PANDA Support will be answered during outsiness hours.

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Under the leadership and personal involvement of Governor Zell Miller the Georgia's Pre-K Program began as a pilot program serving 750 at-risk four-year-old children and their families at 20 sites in 1992. A major milestone was reached during the 2009-2010 school year when Georgia became the first state in the nation to serve more than one million Pre-K children in a voluntary, universal, lottery-funded program. Today 84,000 children are being served across all the counties in the state, with more than 1.6 million children served since the program's inception.

#### PANDA Student Training Document

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- Provides instructions for the manual student data entry process and the upload process.
- The Student Data Training Document and additional PANDA resources
   are posted on the PANDA
   Resources webpage. The
   Resources webpage can be
   accessed from the PANDA
   dashboard via the Help
   button.

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#### PANDA RESOURCES

PANDA (Pre-K Application and Database Access) is the online provider service system for Georgia's Pre-K Program. Through PANDA, providers can submit applications, complete rosters and waiting lists, check on payments, submit their reconciliation, and update site and contact information. The documents below are designed to assist providers with performing these functions in PANDA. For questions about PANDA, please contact Georgia's Pre-K Program at panda.support@decal.ga.gov.

#### **Documents List**

PANDA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) PANDA Payment Advice Instructions PANDA Provider Calendar Instructions PANDA Student Data Training Document PANDA Teacher Data Entry Training Document Race & Ethnicity Instructions PANDA Student Roster Template 2023 Teacher Roster Tips- Tips for Updating Roster 1 Teacher Data Roster Tips- Entering Roster 1 Student Data PANDA Waiting List Instructions



## PANDA Provider User Roles

#### Provider Management Role

- Perform all tasks that providers are authorized to perform
- Enter roster and wait list data
- Submit rosters to DECAL
- Set up PANDA accounts for employees

#### **Provider Roster Role**

- Enter roster and wait list data
- Cannot submit rosters to DECAL



#### Upload Process Guide





#### **Upload Process**

## The upload process is available until the <u>first</u> roster has been submitted for the class.

- Classes funded later in the school year can upload their first roster.
- Students that enroll after the upload process has been completed should be entered on the roster manually.



## Upload Process Guide

The upload process consists of two steps:

- 1. Create the student upload file(s) by using <u>one</u> of the following templates:
  - Private Providers:
    - PANDA Student Roster Template from the PANDA Resources webpage
    - Pre-Populated template from ChildPlus
  - Public School Providers:
    - Pre-populated template from Infinite Campus
    - Pre-populated template from PowerSchool
    - Pre-populated template from ASPEN
- 2. Upload the completed student roster file(s) and resolve any errors.



#### **Entering Student Information**

#### **Refer to the Roster Information Form**

- Parent/Guardian Information
- Ethnicity
- Race
- Dual Language Learner (DLL)
- Multiple Birth Information
- Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Category One Designation

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Appendix D

Parent/Guardian Signature

Georgia's Pre-K Program Operating Guidelines

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Georgia's Pre-K Program Roster Information Form

#### **Entering Student Information**

#### Gather the following prior to student data entry:

- Attendance Records
- Student Documentation
  - Pre-K Registration Form
  - Age Documentation
  - Residency Documentation
  - Social Security Card or Student Social Security Number Information Form (Appendix B)
  - Category One Documentation (if applicable)
  - Roster Information Form (Appendix D)



#### ChildPlus





#### Reporting Students on the Roster



- Students who are enrolled and receiving instructional services on the count date
- Students who are absent on the count date but attended prior to the count date.
- Students who received instructional services at least one day.



- Students who start after the Count Date
- Students who have enrollment forms and documents on file but have not attended.



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Professional Development

 In ChildPlus, navigate to Reports > Enrollment. Scroll down and select the DECAL Custom Enrollment Report, which is Report #2101Z





• Using the dropdown arrows, select the Program Term value of 'Georgia Pre-K' for the current school year, then select the appropriate Agency/Site/Classroom combination for the file(s) you wish to create.



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• Click on 'Export' and save the file to your computer, being sure to save as type 'Excel Spreadsheet – Data Only(\*.xlsx)'. We recommend that you include the Site Name in the filename





• Once the Export has completed, select the 'Open the File' option, as you will need to edit the file in Excel to populate the Pre-K specific fields listed below for each student, since these fields are not stored in ChildPlus.



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	1	Douglas	12011	DECAL Academy	123 Elm Street	Anywhere	30333	
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To verify your Site ID in PANDA:

Click on Pre-K, Rosters, and then View/Edit Roster. Scroll down to the desired Site Name to locate the Site ID.

Remember that the Site IDs **DO NOT** change year to year, but the Class IDs **DO** change each year.

#### PANDA Class ID

Provider Name: Region:		Bright from the Start Academy, Inc.		Site Name:
County: Consultant:		Douglas		Site Directo Email Id: Phone:
	School Year:	2023	~	Roster Cy

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- Enter the PANDA Class ID.
- (a)Go to Panda and click on **Pre-K**, **Rosters**, and then **View/Edit Roster**.
- (b)To determine your Class ID, click on your Site Name.
- (c) The Class List Page displays the Class IDs for each class at that Site.
- Note: You will need to verify your Class ID values each year, as <u>the Class ID</u> <u>values change each school year</u>.



#### Multiple Birth Indicator

Select	Description
1	If the child was born from a single birth
2	If the child was born from a twin birth
3	If the child was born from a triplet birth
4	If the child was born from a quadruplet birth

 If the child is from a single birth, twin, or higher-order multiple birth, enter the total number of children from the pregnancy as the Multiple Birth value.



#### Socio/Economic

- Category 1 Designation
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP)
  - SSI (Supplemental Security Income), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - Child and Parent Services (CAPS) program
  - □ Child is in foster care
  - Child participates in the free and reduced meal program through the school and income verification is on file.
- Category 2 Designation
  - □ Select this option if the child does not meet the requirements for Category 1 eligibility.



#### Dual Language Learner (DLL)

Dual Language Learner

- Check Yes: Child speaks multiple languages
- Leave Unmarked: Child speaks one language



#### Pre-K Program Code/Funding

- Select the appropriate Pre-K program code from the dropdown.
- Funding Source
  - Lottery: Pre-K funds only
  - Blended: Pre-K funds and Head Start funds



#### Waiver Reason Code/Detail

Select	Description
1	I need help in obtaining an SSN.
2	I need help replacing a lost SSN.
3	I am awaiting a replacement SSN and will provide when it arrives.
4	I forgot to bring the SSN and will provide within 30 days.
5	I choose not to provide the SSN because

- If the Student's Social Security Number was not provided, indicate in PowerSchool by a '9' social, enter the Waiver Reason Code.
- If the Waiver Reason Code

   = 5, enter the Waiver
   Reason Detail which is the written reason provided by the parent.



## Saving File

## Follow the steps below to save your file in both the XLS and CSV (Comma delimited) format.

Action Required
Click File> Save As> Save as Type> Excel 97-2003 Workbook (*.xls) or Excel Workbook
(*.xlsx).
In the <b>File name</b> field, enter the roster file name using the suggested naming convention
<schoolname>_StudentRoster_<mmddyyyy>.xls. Example: Idlewood_StudentRoster_08142015.xls</mmddyyyy></schoolname>
as the file name.
Click Save.
Click File> Save As> Save as Type> CSV (Comma Delimited) (*.csv).
In the <b>File name</b> field, enter the roster file name using the suggested naming convention
<schoolname>_StudentRoster_<mmddyyyy>.csv. Example: Idlewood_StudentRoster_08142015.csv</mmddyyyy></schoolname>
as the file name.

Click Save.

If you receive a message indicating the file may contain features that are not compatible with the CSV format, click **Yes**.



## PANDA Upload





#### Uploading the File to PANDA

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#### Uploading Roster Files into PANDA

Upload Status	Description					
File Received For Validation	This indicates the file was successfully located and the validation process has started.					
Total No. of Fields in one or all rows in incorrect	This indicates there is a problem with the file layout itself on one or more rows in the file. Typical reasons a file layout error occurs include:					
	An empty file was uploaded.					
	• Records in the file have too many columns or not enough columns. Each row should only contain 26 columns.					
Invalid Site/Class Combination	This indicates that one or more records in the file contains an invalid Site ID or Class ID.					
	Note: The upload process will stop if even just one invalid record is found. You will need to correct your file and upload again.					
Validation In Progress	The roster file that you uploaded has passed the file layout validations and the record is being validated against the data edits for each individual field on the record.					
Upload Exception	PANDA found invalid values on one or more student records.					
	Note: All valid records will load to the roster but you will need to correct the records that have exceptions in order for them to load. The correction process is described starting on step 4.					
Validated	The roster validation of each individual field for each student is complete and no errors were found.					
Save In Progress	After the roster has been successfully validated and the records have loaded to the database, its status changes to Save In Progress. The roster is ready to be reviewed and marked as 'Roster Updates Complete'.					

- Click 'refresh' multiple times during the upload process.
- Status values display throughout upload process.



## **Resolving Errors**





## **Resolving Upload Exception Errors**

Clifton Falls School District uploaded 22 records and it resulted in the 'Upload Exception' status. Click on **\_\_\_\_** to display students with exceptions.

Select	File ID	Provid er	File Name	# Records	Uploa ded By	Uploaded On	Date Processed	Upload Status
	15915	Clifton Falls School District	Lincoln_2022.csv	22	Jeannie Lippy	8/13/2022 2:38:03 PM	8/13/2022 2:38:12 PM	Upload Exception

The Student Details Errors window opens. Click on **m** next to each student's name to resolve the error.





#### **Resolving Upload Exception Errors**

• The **Student Error Correction** screen will show the specific field(s) that contain invalid information. Simply enter the correct value(s) into the column on the right for each field marked as invalid and click 'Save'.

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## Closing



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#### **Updating Student Information**

- You **cannot** make changes to name, date of birth, and Social Security Number after saving the entry.
- To request a correction, submit the Roster Correction Request Form to <u>panda.rosters@decal.ga.gov</u>
- The form is posted at <u>http://decal.ga.gov/PreK/ProjectDirectors.as</u> <u>px</u>
- **DO NOT** close and re-enter the student. This creates a new Student ID number and results in duplicate student reporting.

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## Roster Upload Tips

- If a new student starts **on or before** the Count Date **after** you have completed the roster upload process, add the student to your roster manually.
- Once you have successfully uploaded your students, there is no need to upload the same site/class again. Doing so will drop/overlay the students already loaded to the roster for that site/class.
- If your upload file contains multiple classes and all have loaded successfully except one class, contact <u>panda.rosters@decal.ga.gov</u> for assistance with creating an upload file for the class.
- Excel will drop leading zeroes from all numerical fields, thus sometimes causing the Social Security Number to be less than 9 digits, which means those records will be flagged with an upload exception.



#### **Important Reminders**

- Use attendance records when entering start and end dates for students.
- Contact families of children who have been absent.
- Enter name, birthdate, and gender **exactly** as they appear on the age document.
- Enter any suffix, hyphen, or apostrophe only if it is present on the age document.
- Children who have attended one or more instructional days from the first day of school through the count date should be reported on the roster. This includes children who have physically attended but are absent on the count date.
- Submit Roster One on or before the due date. The October-May payments will be based on Roster One data, and the data will be reviewed to determine proration of operating costs.
- Prior to saving a student record, review the data entry to ensure accurate reporting.

#### PANDA Roster Support

FAQ					
	PANDA leacher Data Entry Training Document				
GA's Pre-K At Home	Race & Ethnicity Instructions				
Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards	PANDA Student Roster Template 2023				
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health	Teacher Roster Tips- Tips for Updating Roster 1 Teacher Data				
	Roster Tips- Entering Roster 1 Student Data				
Operating Guidelines	PANDA Waiting List Instructions				
Pre-K Forms	PANDA Waiting List Template 2023				
Pre-K Supports	PANDA Pre-K Application Manual				
Professional Learning	Reconciliation Form Instructions 2019-2020				
Project Directors	PANDA Summer Transition Program Application Manual				
Basic Materials List	PANDA Provider User Management				
Pre-K CAPS	PANDA Reconciliation Training Document				
Child Registration Forms	PANDA Site Update Instructions				
Curriculum	PANDA: Uploading Student Documents				
Director Grant Requirement Checklist	Roster Tips: Moving Students to Another Class				
Ownership Change Request	Roster Tips: Moving Teachers to Another Class				
PANDA Resources					

Payments



#### **Additional Support**

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Dashboard		
Home		
	Welcome to PANDA	

Congratulations, you have successfully logged into PANDA, DECAL's Pre-K Application aNd Database Access system.

You are now ready to enter required data. On the left of this screen is a menu. Menu items determine what information may be entered or reviewed. The number of menu items displayed is based on your role within your organization. More menu item DECAL adds more functionality to the PANDA system.

Choose a menu item by using the left button of your mouse to click on the item. For example, to enter your application for the next program year, click on "Enter Application"; to enter a roster, click on "View/Edit Roster".

If you need assistance, detailed manuals are available for download on the PANDA Resources page. You may also e-mail your questions to panda.support@decal.ga.gov. Emails to PANDA Support will be answered during normal business hours.







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