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## **Summer Transition Program Frequently Asked Questions for Parents**

### **Q- What is the Summer Transition Program (STP)?**

A - A six-week intensive academic program designed to support rising kindergarteners who either did not attend Georgia's Pre-K Program or Head Start, or attended but need additional support to be ready for Kindergarten next school year.

### **Q- What is the age requirement?**

A - Children must be four years of age on September 1, 2014 based on acceptable documentation, such as birth certificates, passports, official medical documents, legal documents, or official documents from other countries. Children should be age eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year. **Proof of age eligibility must be on file the day the child begins the STP program.**

### **Q- What is the residency requirement?**

A - The child must be a Georgia resident. For purposes of this program, Georgia resident is defined as a child who resides in the state of Georgia. **Proof of residency should be part of a child's on-site file prior to or on the first day of the program.** When documenting residency, Pre-K providers should refer to the policy of the local school system regarding appropriate documentation. Examples of proof of residency include the following: current lease, property tax notice, homeowner's insurance bill, mortgage statement, current vehicle registration form, letter from shelter, letter from employer if employer provides housing, and any utility bill listing the residence as the service address. A cell phone bill or a driver's license is **not** an acceptable proof of residency. If a student's family is living with someone else, parents should provide a notarized affidavit from the property owner stating where the child's family is residing, plus a copy of the property owner's proof of residency (any items listed above). Active duty military families can support Georgia residency with a copy of official military orders verifying Georgia residency during the school year.

**Q – How is before and after care funded?**

A - For children who need before and after care, those services will be paid through Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) funding. Current CAPS providers will work with the Department to receive before and after care certificates for the services. Funding for after care will come directly through the current CAPS system. STP programs not offering before and after care will be required to work with families who need before or after care. CAPS funding will pay for before and after care at an alternative site if all requirements are met by the family. Programs should email children’s names directly to the CAPS Unit where certificates will be verified and agents will work with individual providers to ensure all CAPS requirements are in place. Any questions about CAPS should be directed to the CAPS Unit at caps.support@dec.al.ga.gov.

**Q – What students are eligible to apply for the Summer Transition Program?**

A - Families must meet income eligibility requirements (65% of the state median income). Children must be age eligible for Kindergarten and a resident of Georgia.

**Q- How do we calculate 65% of the State Median Income?**

A - Below is the chart used to determine income eligibility by family size.

**\*\* Covers the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015\*\***

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<b>Family Size</b>	<b>SMI Annually</b>	<b>SMI Monthly</b>	<b>65% SMI Annually</b>	<b>65% SMI Monthly</b>
1	\$35,300	\$2,942	\$22,781	\$1,898
2	46,162	3,847	\$29,791	\$2,483
3	57,023	4,752	\$36,801	\$3,067
4	67,885	5,657	\$43,811	\$3,651
5	78,747	6,562	\$50,820	\$4,235
6	89,608	7,467	\$57,830	\$4,819
7	91,645	7,637	\$59,144	\$4,929
8	93,681	7,807	\$60,458	\$5,038
9	95,718	7,976	\$61,773	\$5,148
10	97,754	8,146	\$63,087	\$5,257

**Q- How many weeks will students attend the Summer Transition Program?**

A - Students will attend the program for 6 weeks, 6.5 hours per day (minimum of 29 days).