

# Pre-K Updates

December 4, 2020



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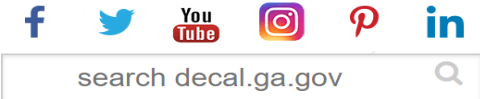


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## PROJECT DIRECTORS

Project directors are responsible for appropriately implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program. Many resources are available on this website to assist directors in effectively managing their program and in making quality improvements to the Pre-K classroom.

The following is a list of items and/or documents to support you in implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program.

### Project Director Resource List:

[2019 – 2020 Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines](#)

[2019 – 2020 Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines Addendum April 21, 2020](#)

[2020 – 2021 School Year Georgia's Pre-K Program Guidance Toolkit](#)

[2020 – 2021 School Year Georgia's Pre-K Program Guidance Webinar](#)

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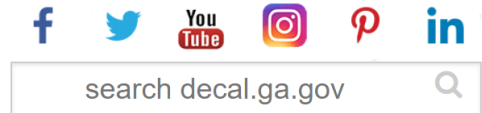
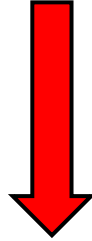
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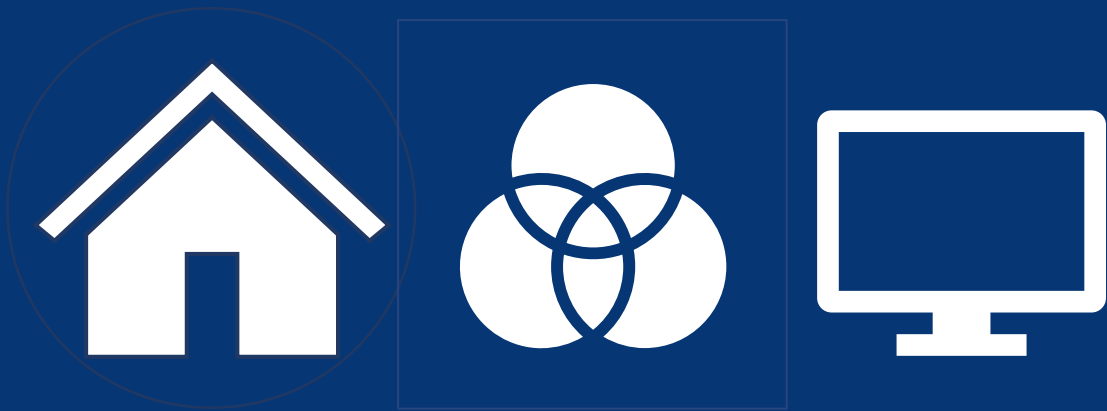
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# Instructional Models



- Programs may choose to continue with current model or select a new model based on the needs of the program, families and staff.
- Contact your Pre-K Specialist with any changes to your current instructional model.



# Pre-K Rosters & Payments



# Pre-K Rosters

2020 - 2021

*Dates for Roster 1 and 2 have been revised due to later school start dates.*

Roster	OLD Roster Open for Data Entry	NEW Roster Open Date for Data Entry	OLD Count Day	NEW Count Day	NEW Due Date
1	August 3, 2020	August 25, 2020	September 4, 2020	September 18, 2020	September 25, 2020
2	October 5, 2020	October 19, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 13, 2020	November 20, 2020
3	December 11, 2020	No Change	January 15, 2021	No Change	No Change (January 22, 2021)
4	February 12, 2021	No Change	March 12, 2021	No Change	No Change (March 19, 2021)

\* Operating Guidelines and COVID-19 Addendum have been updated and posted.



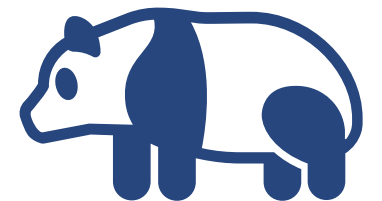
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2020 - 2021

## **Roster 3 count date is January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- Only enter enrolled students on your roster. Children are enrolled when they have enrollment paperwork on file and are receiving educational services (in-person, virtual, completing distance learning activities).
- Make sure that you have confirmed each child's attendance in the classroom.
- Contact [PreK@decal.ga.gov](mailto:PreK@decal.ga.gov) if you have questions about a parent who submitted enrollment paperwork, but the child has not started.

**Roster 3 must be submitted by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



# Payments

2020 - 2021

## Payment Proration

- **All** Pre-K payments for the 2020 - 2021 will be based on the Grant Agreement and current lead teacher credentials.
  - A per child proration will not be applied to operating funds.
  - Programs are still required to fill vacant slots with eligible students.

## Transportation Payments

- There is an issue with calculating transportation payments.
- Working on resolving the issue to be able to execute payments



# Classrooms with Low Enrollment

2020 - 2021

## Classrooms with Low Enrollment

- Classrooms with less than 11 children are being reviewed for possible closure.

## The following criterion are being considered in the process:

- SY2021 Enrollment across the site
- SY2020 Enrollment
- Issues with teacher credentials
- Parent Choice of Instructional Models within area
- Projected need for SY2022



# Specialist Support



**Specialists are available to offer support and technical assistance:**

- Instructional Models
- New Teachers
- New Directors
- Daily schedule development
- GELDS, lesson planning, and WSO
- Classroom management strategies

**Pre-K Specialist of the Day  
(404) 656-5957**

If you do not know which Pre-K Specialist is assigned to your program, email [prek@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:prek@dec.al.ga.gov).



## Program and Roster Verification Visits

- Specialists have begun scheduling virtual Program and Roster Verification Visits.
- Visits are scheduled in advance and should only be cancelled by the program if absolutely necessary.
- Providers will be contacted by their assigned Pre-K Specialist to provide:
  - An overview of the process
  - A list of documents to be uploaded
  - Assistance with the PANDA document upload function

# SEEDS Helpline

- Inclusion and Behavior Support Specialists are available to provide a variety of resources, strategies and supports even while working remotely.
- Use the SEEDS Helpline 1—833-35-4HELP or email [inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov) to request support.



## SEEDS HELPLINE

How do I request support  
with preventing and reducing  
persistent challenging behavior.?

Call the helpline at:

1-833-35-4HELP

OR email [inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:inclusion@dec.al.ga.gov)



# Supporting Teachers



# Teacher Resources

2020 - 2021



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# Teacher Training

2020 - 2021

- **Registration will open on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for VIRTUAL:**
  - Day 2 New Teacher Training for Lead and Assistant Teachers
    - Lead and Assistant Teachers must have completed all three components of Day 1
    - Day 2 is offered as a full day training
    - Training Title: *2020-2021 New Lead and Assistant Teacher Virtual Live Training Part 4*
  - Additional Day 1 New Teacher Training sessions have been added
    - Register Lead (January 12) and Assistant (January 13) for parts 1, 2, or 3 as needed. Register teachers for the parts they did not attend. All three parts are required.
  - Register teachers who have not attended any New Teacher Training for Day 1 and Day 2.
- **Make sure teachers have access to ZOOM prior to the training.**
- **Remind teachers to download handouts prior to training.**



# Work Sampling Online (WSO)

2020 - 2021

- **Teachers are required to rate each student on ALL performance indicators.**
  - Only required to collect assessment documentation for the Language and Literacy and Mathematical Thinking domains.
  - If a teacher does not have sufficient knowledge of a student's learning in a specific indicator, then it would be appropriate to mark 'did not observe (DNO).'
- **A narrative summary must be completed for each student.**
  - Attendance information should be entered.
  - **All** domains should have a written comment.
- **Teachers should conduct a conference with each family.**
  - Family conferences may be done via a web-based platform.



- **Printing Narrative Summary Reports and Developmental Checklists**
  - Traditional Model and Hybrid Model: Print a copy of the Narrative Summary and Developmental Checklist for each student in the class.
  - Full Distance Model: Download and save a copy of the Narrative Summary Report and Developmental Checklist for each student in the class. When teachers and students return to the classroom, print Narrative Summary Reports and Developmental Checklists.
- **WSO for Administrators' Webinar**
  - December 8, 1:00 PM
  - Refer to the 12/01 Pre-K Updates email for webinar link
  - Webinar will be recorded.



# Resources

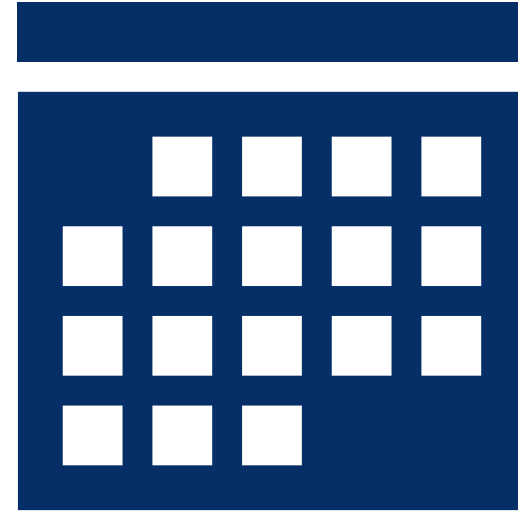
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Included on the Pre-K webpage are resources for Pre-K Directors, teachers and families. These resources are updated on a regular basis and can be located using the following links:

- Directors: <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/PreK/ProjectDirectors.aspx>
- Teachers: <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/PreK/Teachers.aspx>
- Families: <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/PreK/WelcomeToGAPreKAtHome.aspx>



# Looking Toward Next Year



# Student Registration

2021 - 2022

## Student Registration Policy

- Review and update registration policy and procedures
  - Must be in writing and available for review
- Considerations for the 2021-2022 school year policy
  - *Will your program enroll students who are age eligible for kindergarten?*
  - *Are there any interim policies?*

## Registration Timeline

- Consider postponing registration to the spring
- Coordinate across programs

## Application Timelines

### Summer Transition Program

- Application available in PANDA by February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Application closes on March 12<sup>th</sup>

### Pre-K Program

- Continuation and Expansion available in PANDA on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Application closes on March 19<sup>th</sup>

**All applications will be submitted online.**

# Important Dates



**December 11:** Roster 3 Open for updates

**January 15:** Roster 3 Count Date

**January 22:** Roster 3 Due Date

**February 5:** Pre-K Updates Webinar



# Questions



# Thank You!

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