



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://dec.al.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 30th.

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.