



Georgia's Pre-K Program 2024-2025 Provider's Operating Guidelines Updates

This document highlights program guidelines updates for the 2024-2025 school year. Due to the transition from PANDA to GAPREK, updates were made throughout the guidelines to reflect the change to the new system as well as any process changes.

This is not a complete listing so please read the entire *2024-2025 School Year Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines* for all updates.

Section 5.2 Classroom Delivery: *Reduction in class size*

DECAL is reducing the maximum class size from 22 students to 20 students for all Georgia's Pre-K classrooms. Approved inclusion classrooms will have a maximum number of 18 students.

Section 12.7 Lead Teacher Salary Components: *Changes in Lead Teacher Salary*

- In October, Pre-K Lead Teacher salary will be transitioning to the State Teacher Salary Scale. This will include moving from Pre-K Creditable Years of Experience (CYE) salary steps to the FY25 K-12 State Teacher Salary Schedule Training and Experience (T&E) salary steps.
- Funding for August and September, salary will be calculated as FY24 Base Salary + \$2500 + FY24 CYE supplement.
- Starting in October, salary will be based on FY25 K-12 State Teacher Salary Schedule.

The current version of the guidelines pertains to lead teacher salary calculations for August and September. Updated guidelines will be posted prior to the transition to the State Teacher Salary Schedule in October.

Section 16.7 Grant Award Calculation: *Budget Increase for School Year 2024 – 2025*

Funding is based on program type and service area (Private Metro, Private Non-Metro, and Public School), the number of children served, and the lead teacher credential verified through the GaPDS. The actual reimbursement amount may vary based on changes in class size, changes in lead teacher credential and number of days offering service. The 2024 – 2025 Budget Information and Rate Charts can be found at [Project Directors \(ga.gov\)](https://ga.gov).

Section 17.1 Expenditure Guidelines: *Transportation Funding Change for School Year 2024 - 2025*

Funding for transportation is provided at an annual rate of \$80.78 per student. Funding covers the cost for transporting Pre-K children to and from school. *Transportation funding will be provided in monthly Pre-K payments as part of Operating Classroom funds.*



Appendix Updates:

The following appendices have been removed from the guidelines; these requests will now be completed in GAPREK.

- Curriculum Change Request
- Student Chronic Absenteeism or Tardiness Notification
- Student Suspension Notification
- Modified Day Request
- Long Term Substitute Request
- Class Closure
- Class Move Request