

Georgia's Pre-K Program SY2024 -2025 Budget FAQ

For detailed budget information, please review the Budget presentation posted at [Project Directors \(ga.gov\)](#)

General

What is the maximum number of students per classroom for next school year?

The maximum number of students per classroom is 20 students. Inclusion classrooms have a maximum class size of 18 students.

When will Pre-K payments be made?

The date for making Pre-K payments has "moved up" in the month. DECAL will pay payments by the 10th of each month. Payments are made each month August – May.

Where can I find my payment advice?

Payment advices will be available in the GAPREK system after the first payment is processed.

Will teacher credential waivers be accepted for next school year? What is the process for submitting a request?

Yes, teacher credential waivers can be submitted for approval for next school year. Waivers will be submitted in the new GAPREK system which will be available in July.

Operating Funds

Is there an increase in the classroom operating funds for next year?

For local school systems, there was no increase in operating funds. For child care programs and other public programs (Head Start, DOD, Univ/ Tech, etc.), there was a 23% increase in classroom operating funds.

Is there an increase in the minimum amount required to spend per classroom from operating funds on classroom equipment, materials, and supplies?

The minimum expenditure per classroom is \$1,000 which is the same as the SY2024.

Benefits

Where can I find information on the benefit rates for SY2025?

Benefit information can be found on the Pre-K Budget Information and Rate Chart on the Pre-K Project Director page of the DECAL website.

Transportation

How will transportation funding be calculated?

Transportation funding will be provided for all students at a rate of \$80.78 annual per student for all students (Category 1 and Category 2). All programs will receive transportation funding whether or not transportation is provided by the program.

If my program does not provide transportation for students, how can the funds be used?

Transportation funding can be other allowable program costs including classroom materials and furniture, teacher salary, teacher benefits.

Lead Teacher Salary

Will the two-year degree (grandfathered associate degree or Montessori Diploma) continue to be accepted for next school year?

If a program employs a lead teacher with an approved two-year degree, then the credential will be accepted. A two-year degree is not accepted for any new teachers.

Assistant Teacher Salary

Does DECAL pay a supplement for creditable years of experience (CYE) for Pre-K assistant teachers?

No, funding for Pre-K assistant teachers does not pay a CYE supplement.