

Pre-K funding is based on program type and zone (Private Metro, Private Non-Metro, and Public School), the number of children served, and the lead teacher credential verified through the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS). The Pre-K Grant is based on 190 days, which includes 180 instructional days and 10 Pre-K professional development/planning days. For each grantee, funding is provided for lead and assistant teacher salary and benefits, classroom operating expenses, and student transportation. Current Rate Charts for Private and Public providers can be found under the [Pre-K Project Director Resource List](#).

Payments are made to Pre-K providers each month from August to May. Payments will be adjusted based on the number of children enrolled and the lead teacher credentials. Additional information concerning schedule of payments can be found in the Reimbursement Process section of the current [Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines](#).

## Calculation of Payments

The monthly payment is calculated based on the classroom's approved calendar for the month. A daily rate is calculated for each class and is determined by dividing annual classroom funding for the year by the number of instructional and teacher professional development/planning days.

- Monthly operating funding is based on total student instructional days.
- Monthly salary and benefits are based on total days (instructional days + teacher professional development/planning days).

Pre-K programs are required to enter lead and assistant teacher data in the GAPREK Class Reporting Manager. Required data includes credentials and Pre-K start and end dates. Payment calculations are based, in part, on the lead teacher credentials verified in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS).

**Teacher and student data is critical** and must be accurate for teachers' and students' information. Data is subject to audit and must be substantiated by documentation of credentials and creditable years of experience for teachers, and enrollment and attendance records for students.