

Pre-K Updates

February 5, 2021



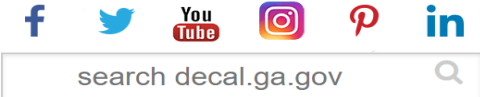
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PROJECT DIRECTORS

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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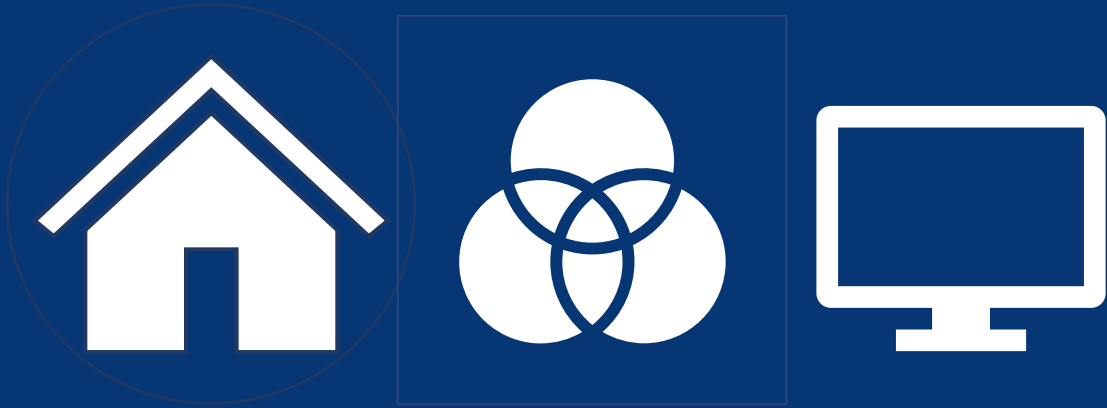
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[Pre-K Instructional Model Approval Form](#)

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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 were 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 5, 2021	No Change	No Change (January 12, 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.

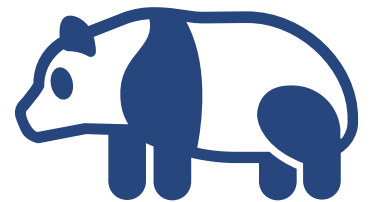
Pre-K Rosters

2020 - 2021

Roster 4 count date is March 12th.

- 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 if you have questions about a parent who submitted enrollment paperwork, but the child has not started.

Roster 4 must be submitted by March 19th.



2020 - 2021 Transportation Payments

- Due to the decision to not prorate payments based on enrollment, DECAL is unable to execute transportation through the regular payment process.
- 2020 - 2021 transportation reimbursement will be paid by a special adjustment payment in PANDA.
- Transportation will be calculated at a current rate of \$16.50 for each eligible child reported for transportation on the roster.
- A payment for August through November was processed on **January 28th**.
- A second payment for December through May will be processed after the fourth roster.



Inclusive Early Learning Week

February 7 - 13



- Increases the public's awareness of and advocacy for inclusion
- Celebrates programs' success in creating inclusive classrooms
- Promotes inclusive practices in all early learning environments in Georgia

For information and resources, visit the [Inclusive Early Learning Week](#) tab on the DECAL webpage.

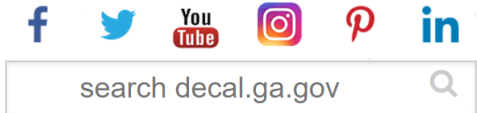
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Supporting Teachers



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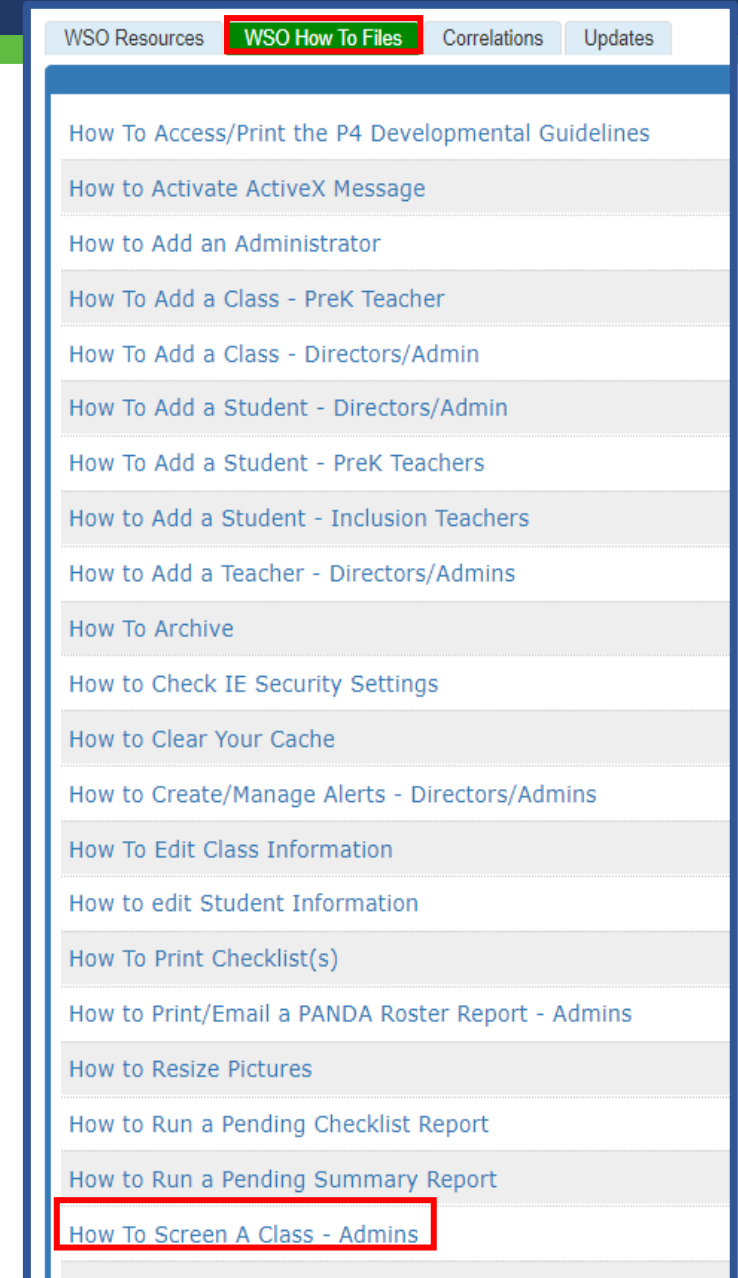
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Work Sampling Online (WSO)

2020 - 2021

- Screen checklists for your Pre-K classes to ensure that teachers have finalized Period 1 checklist ratings.
- Instructions for screening classes is posted on the Work Sampling System Program page. Look for *How to Screen a Class - Admins*
<http://dec.al.ga.gov/Prek/PreKChildAssessmentProgram.aspx>
- The webinar recording for *WSO for Administrators* is posted under the Project Director Resource List.



Workforce Supplemental Payments

2020 - 2021

Thank You to teachers who have kept the learning process going safely.



\$1,000

SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT

**One-time supplemental payment to every
Georgia's Pre-K
Program teacher, assistant teacher, and child
care teacher in the state.**

- Through funds allocated from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), each Georgia's Pre-K Lead and Assistant Teacher is eligible for a \$1,000 bonus.
 - All classroom model types (traditional, hybrid and full distance)
- DECAL is finalizing the process for the distribution of payments.

Looking Toward Next Year



State Budget

- No significant changes for Pre-K in the Governor's proposed budget
- Must be passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor before the budget is final
- Draft rate chart will be posted with the Pre-K application



Application Timelines

2021 - 2022

Application	Release Date	Due Date
Summer Transition Program	February 22	March 12
Pre-K Teacher of the Year	February 24	March 17
Pre-K Program	March 1	March 19

Summer Transition Program (STP)

2021

- Six-week intensive academic program offered in June and July
- 29 Instructional days utilizing the traditional instructional model
- Program includes a family support component
- Two models:
 - Rising Pre-K
 - Rising Kindergarten

Rising Pre-K Program

2021

- Serves children who are age eligible for Pre-K in the fall and whose home language is Spanish
- Supports dual language learners and their families in the transition to Pre-K
- Class size: 10 students (reduced for summer 2021)
- Providers must be able to serve the targeted population. For information about becoming a Rising Pre-K provider, contact summerschool@decal.ga.gov

Rising Kindergarten Program

2021

- Serves children who are age eligible for kindergarten in the fall
- Children must meet the enrollment criteria
- Class size: 12 students (reduced for summer 2021)
- To increase the number of students eligible for the program, some eligibility requirements have been modified for this summer:
 - No family income requirement will be required.
 - Students who attended in a hybrid or full distance classroom model during the 2020 – 2021 school year will be eligible

Rising Kindergarten Program

2021

Rising Kindergarten Student Enrollment Criteria

- Did not attend a Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start program during the 2020-2021 school year **OR**
- Attended a Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start program but did not attend the entire school year **OR**
- Attended a Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start classroom utilizing a hybrid or full distance learning model of instruction during the 2020 – 2021 school year **OR**
- Attended a Georgia's Pre-K or Head Start program the entire school year and falls into one of the priority groups:
 - Identified as needing additional academic support
 - Dual language learner
 - Foster care placement
 - Child's family is without permanent housing (homeless as defined by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)
 - Child with an Individual Education Program (IEP)


Rising Kindergarten Program Application

2021

- New, continuation and expansion STP applications will be available in PANDA on February 22nd.
- Applications must be submitted online in PANDA by 5:00 p.m. on March 12th.
- Grant recipients will be announced in April.
- Email questions to summerschool@dec.al.ga.gov.

Rising Kindergarten Program Application

2021



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PRE-K SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM

Bright from the Start offers two types of Summer Transition Programs which operate during June and July. Both programs offer high-quality instruction with a focus on language, literacy and math and are designed to reduce the achievement gap.

A child's family **must** meet the income eligibility requirement; 85% of the state median income to participate.

- Rising Pre-K – for students who are age eligible for Georgia's Pre-K in the fall (4 years of age by September 1st) and whose home language is Spanish
- Rising Kindergarten – for students who are age eligible for Kindergarten (5 years of age by September 1st) in the fall

For a list of the current Summer Transition Program locations [Click here](#)

Questions or comments email: SummerSchool@decal.ga.gov

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[STP Family Engagement Training](#)
[PANDA Summer Transition Program Application Manual](#)
[Family Engagement](#)
[Café ToGo](#)
[Relationship Based Competencies](#)
[Strengthening Families Poster](#)

Pre-K Teacher of the Year Application

2021 - 2022

- Application will be posted on February 24th on the home page of the DECAL website and on the Teacher of the Year page.
- Applications must be submitted via email by 5:00 p.m. on March 17th.
- Finalists will be announced in May 2021.
- Winners will be announced in early fall.
 - One winner from a public school and one winner from a private child care learning center
- The teachers will serve as ambassadors for Georgia's Pre-K Program.
- For questions, contact Meghan McNail at 770-357-4911 or Meghan.mcnaill@decals.ga.gov.

Georgia's Pre-K Application

2021 - 2022

- Continuation and Expansion application will be available in PANDA on March 1st.
- Programs must apply to continue currently funded classes and request any expansion classes.
- All application components, including supporting documents for expansion classes, are submitted in PANDA.
- Once a Pre-K application is submitted, changes cannot be made. If requesting expansion, make sure to do so BEFORE clicking the Submit button.
- Applications must be submitted to DECAL online in PANDA no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19th.

Important Dates



February 8: Inclusive Early Learning Week

February 12: Roster 4 Open for updates

March 12: Roster 4 Count Date

March 19: Roster 4 Due Date

February 22: STP Application opens

February 24: Teacher of the Year Application opens

March 1: FY22 Pre-K Applications opens

March 12: STP Application deadline

March 17: Teacher of the Year Application due

March 19: FY22 Pre-K Application due



Questions



Thank You!

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