



Georgia's Pre-K Updates

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Pre-K	PROJECT DIRECTORS
About Pre-K	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.
Book List	
Childrens Mental Health Week	The following is a list of items and/or documents to support you in implementing Georgia's Pre-K Program.
Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	Project Director Resource List:
Creating a Quality Environment	+ Pre-K Providers Operating Guidelines
Curriculum	+ Georgia's Pre-K Rate / Per Child Estimate Chart
Enrolling in Pre-K	+ Resources
Families	+ PANDA Roster: Change Request Forms, Tips Sheets, Webinars, and Other Resources
FAQ	+ 2021 – 2022 Georgia's Pre-K Updates and FAQ
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Pre-K Payments



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Pre-K Payments

- The due date for payment disputes is May 20th.
- Always review your payment advice to confirm that payments are accurate.
- If the payment does not reflect the reported roster data, a payment dispute should be submitted to panda.finance@dec.al.ga.gov.
- An example of a payment dispute is the lead teacher salary not calculating according to what was reported on the Pre-K roster.
 - The dispute process is not intended to address lead teacher credential and/or CYE matters that should have been addressed/resolved prior to the last Pre-K payment.

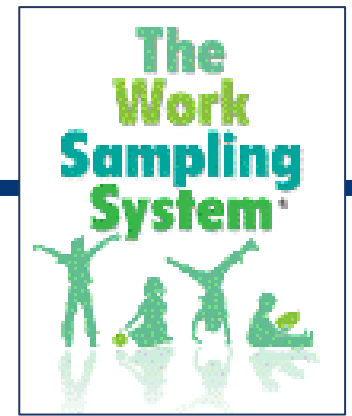


Supporting Teachers



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Work Sampling Online (WSO)



- End of the Year Teacher "To Do's:"
 - Finalize checklist ratings for Period 2.
 - Complete the Narrative Summary Report for each student.
 - Conduct family conferences.
- End of the Year Director "To Do's:"
 - Ensure teachers have completed ratings, reports and conferences.
 - Pull any desired WSO year end reports by June 30.
- All WSO logins will be disabled on July 2 so that Pearson can remove 2021-2022 data and begin preparing the system for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Administrator and teacher logins will be reinstated in August.



\$125 Classroom Grant



- Pre-K teachers must access and spend the funds through ClassWallet.
- No email from DECAL:
 - Check spam and junk mail.
 - Update email in GaPDS.
 - Director enter teacher email at <https://forms.gle/gLCzMvVpqzXHtRDi9>
- No email from ClassWallet:
 - Check spam and junk email.
 - Email info@classwallet.com.
- Funds must be spent by June 30, 2022.





- During SY 2022, Pre-K Lead and Assistant Teachers are eligible for a total of \$2000
- Public Schools: Payments were made directly to the system
- Child Care Programs: Must apply through POWER application, opens in June



2022 – 2023 Lead and Assistant Teacher Credential Waiver

- Form is posted under the Project Director Resource List. Use the form to:
 - Request a waiver extension for a waived teacher who will not hold a qualifying credential by fall 2022.
 - Request a waiver for a new teacher who does not hold a qualifying credential.
- To qualify for a waiver, the teacher must be enrolled in a qualifying credential or educator preparation program. Enrollment documentation must be maintained on site.
- If approved, the waiver is valid for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Submit the form to your Pre-K Specialist.**



RESOURCES FOR THE GEORGIA'S PRE-K 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

+ General Information

+ Emergency Closure Lesson Plan and Schedule Templates

+ Emergency Closure Resources

+ Social and Emotional Tools

+ Family Engagement and Resources



Resource List Lead Teacher Credential/Salary Assistant Teacher Credential/Salary Webinar

Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines

Work Sampling Online (WSO) Guidance

Off to a Good Start Lesson Plans (OTAGS)

Can You Touch a Color Lesson Plan

Georgia's Pre-K Credential and Salary Frequently Asked Questions for Teachers

Enrolling in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS)

Inclement Weather Closures and Make-up Days

PEACH How To Guide

Resources to help teachers meet credential requirements are available on the Pre-K Teacher webpage under the Credential/Salary tabs.

Lead Teacher:

- [Guidance in Meeting Pre-K Lead Teacher Credential Requirements](#) provides guidance to help teachers who hold a non-ECE bachelor's degree meet credential requirements.
- [Georgia Professional Standards Commission \(GaPSC\) Frequently Asked Questions](#) helps teachers understand the GaPSC certification process.

Assistant Teacher:

- [Guidance in Meeting Pre-K Assistant Teacher Credential Requirements](#) provides information for acquiring a Paraprofessional License issued by the GaPSC.

Educational counseling services are available for teachers.

- 770-642-6722 or 1-800-227-3410
- support@decalscholars.com



Changes to Scholarships

NEW

for Pre-K Teachers

**CDA and
Academic
Scholarships
Available Now!**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A temporary waiver program for Pre-K lead and assistant teachers who have received a credential waiver to receive a DECAL Scholars Scholarship to further their education in Early Childhood Education.

REQUIREMENTS

- Employment as a Pre-K lead or assistant teacher for a minimum of 25 hours per week (*not including school breaks*)
- Received a credential waiver during the 2021-2022 school year
- Work in a child care center licensed by DECAL, Department of Defense (DOD), or an exempt Head Start center, or public school
- Must be US citizen, legal permanent resident, or qualified alien or non-immigrant
- Must be accepted into a formal early childhood education program of study leading to the award of an approved lead teacher or assistant teacher credential or degree at an eligible institution

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Extended through the 2022-2023 school year.

- Temporary initiative to support **new and extended waived Pre-K teachers** who are pursuing an Early Childhood Education credential or degree.
- Some of the eligibility requirements for tuition assistance are temporarily waived.
- Applicant must be accepted into a formal education program of study leading to the award of an approved lead teacher or assistant teacher credential or degree at an eligible institution.
- For information and to apply, teachers can visit www.decalscholars.com or call 770-642-6722 or 1-800-227-3410



Looking Toward Next Year



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2022 – 2023 Pre-K Budget

- Draft rate chart will be provided by May 20.
- \$2,000 increase in lead teacher **and** assistant teacher base salaries.
- Increase in Teacher Retirement System (TRS) for public school certified teachers
 - 19.81% to 19.98%

2022 - 2023 Georgia's Pre-K Rate/Per Child Estimate Chart

The 2022 - 2023 Georgia's Pre-K Rate/Per Child Estimate Chart is designed to help Georgia's Pre-K Program Grantees estimate the amount of grant funding for an individual class with full enrollment. The Rate Chart is not intended to provide an exact funding amount. The actual reimbursement may vary based on changes in class size, changes in lead teacher credential and number of days offering service. Payment calculations for operating costs are based on student enrollment and the lead teacher credential for each class as reported on the submitted Pre-K roster. Payment for lead and assistant teacher salaries are based on the salary rates reflected in sections 12.3 and 13.4 of the *Pre-K Providers' Operating Guidelines*. The rates do not include Creditable Years of Experience pay for lead teachers, start-up funds, sparsity allowances, or transportation funds.

Credential	Private Metro Area	Private Non-Metro Area	Public School
Insufficient	Salary Lead	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Salary Asst.	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Operating - Benefits	\$ 8,644.05	\$ 8,644.05
	Operating - Classroom	\$ 24,785.65	\$ 18,028.54
	Total	\$ 69,810.40	\$ 63,053.29
	Per Child Per Year	\$ 3,173.20	\$ 2,866.06
Per Child Per Month	\$ 317.32	\$ 286.61	
Two Year Degree	Salary Lead	\$ 26,449.86	\$ 26,449.86
	Salary Asst.	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Operating - Benefits	\$ 10,606.51	\$ 10,606.51
	Operating - Classroom	\$ 24,785.65	\$ 18,028.54
	Total	\$ 80,032.37	\$ 73,275.26
	Per Child Per Year	\$ 3,637.84	\$ 3,330.69
Per Child Per Month	\$ 363.78	\$ 333.07	
Four Year Degree	Salary Lead	\$ 32,315.60	\$ 32,315.60
	Salary Asst.	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Operating - Benefits	\$ 12,000.21	\$ 12,000.21
	Operating - Classroom	\$ 24,785.65	\$ 18,028.54
	Total	\$ 87,291.81	\$ 80,534.70
	Per Child Per Year	\$ 3,967.81	\$ 3,660.67
Per Child Per Month	\$ 396.78	\$ 366.07	
Certified (T4)	Salary Lead	\$ 40,820.73	\$ 40,820.73
	Salary Asst.	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Operating - Benefits	\$ 14,021.03	\$ 14,021.03
	Operating - Classroom	\$ 24,785.65	\$ 18,028.54
	Total	\$ 97,817.76	\$ 91,060.65
	Per Child Per Year	\$ 4,446.26	\$ 4,139.12
Per Child Per Month	\$ 444.63	\$ 413.91	
Certified (T5)	Salary Lead	\$ 45,343.04	\$ 45,343.04
	Salary Asst.	\$ 18,190.35	\$ 18,190.35
	Operating - Benefits	\$ 15,095.53	\$ 15,095.53
	Operating - Classroom	\$ 24,785.65	\$ 18,028.54
	Total	\$ 103,414.57	\$ 96,657.46
	Per Child Per Year	\$ 4,700.66	\$ 4,393.52
Per Child Per Month	\$ 470.07	\$ 439.35	



Awarding of New and Expansion Classroom

- Applications have been reviewed.
- Pre-K leadership has made "first round" funding decisions.
- Considerations for funding:
 - Need in the area
 - Program enrollment
 - Application content and quality
 - Program compliance and quality
- Grant award notifications will be processed mid-May.



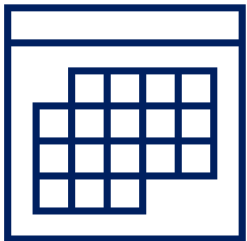
Pre-K Grant Agreement and Guidelines Update

- Pre-K Grant Agreements and Guidelines have been updated to include language regarding professional conduct of Pre-K staff (teachers and directors).
- Providers are required to include professional conduct expectations in their written documentation detailing the employment terms between the employer and the Georgia's Pre-K lead teacher.
 - Appendix Z- Sample Pre-K Teacher Employment Agreement will be updated to include language addressing professional conduct expectations.



Dates to Remember

- May 20: Last day to dispute any payment for the school year
- June 30: Last day to spend classroom grant funds
- June 30: Last day to pull WSO year end reports
- June 30: Deadline for spending Teacher \$125 Classroom Grants
- July 2: WSO logins disabled



Questions



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Thank You!

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