

Georgia's Pre-K Program 2024 - 2025 Funding Summary for Local School Systems **Updated**

Georgia's Pre-K Program Grants are funded through a formula grant. This document provides information to support Pre-K Programs in estimating grant funding for the 2024 – 2025 school year. **The information has been updated to reflect the Lead Teacher salary changes in October 2024.**

Budget Changes for the 2024-2025 School Year

- Decrease to maximum class size of 20 students.
- Increase in lead teacher salary funding.
 - Increase base salary by \$2500.
 - Move 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.
- Increase in assistant teacher salary funding by \$5,551.00.
- Change funding for **certified** lead teacher benefits:
 - Health: Beginning in FY25, funding provided for certified lead teacher benefits will be based on the per member per month (PMPM) annual rate of \$21,120 per certified lead teacher in the State Health Benefit Program (SHBP). FY2024 data reported in the system's Certified/Classified Personnel Information (CPI) report will be used to calculate PMPM payments. The monthly PMPM rate is \$2,112 (\$21,120/10 monthly payments).
 - Teacher Retirement System (TRS): Increase percentage by 0.800%.
- Provide transportation funding for all students at an annual rate of \$80.78 per student.
- Increase special allotment funding.
 - Increase start-up funding for new classes to \$30,000.
 - Fund classroom replenishment grants of \$15,000 every five years.

Rate Chart for Local School Systems

Select the credential level for the lead teacher.

Credential	Salary		Operating			Annual Total
	Lead	Assistant	Classroom	Benefits	Transportation	
Insufficient	\$25,741.35	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$12,232.28	\$1,615.60	\$83,838.21
Associate*	\$30,949.86	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$13,469.83	\$1,615.60	\$90,284.27
ECE Bachelor or higher	\$41,717.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$16,028.09	\$1,615.60	\$103,609.67
Non-ECE Degree or higher with ECE Credential	\$41,717.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$16,028.09	\$1,615.60	\$103,609.67
BT-4 Certification	\$41,717.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$15,389.83	\$1,615.60	\$102,971.41
T-4 Certification	\$43,592.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$15,806.64	\$1,615.60	\$105,263.22
BT-5 Certification	\$45,808.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$16,299.26	\$1,615.60	\$107,971.84
T-5 Certification	\$48,706.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$16,943.48	\$1,615.60	\$111,514.06
BT-6 Certification	\$51,254.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$17,509.90	\$1,615.60	\$114,628.48
T-6 Certification	\$53,803.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$18,076.55	\$1,615.60	\$117,944.13
BT-7 Certification	\$56,683.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$18,716.77	\$1,615.60	\$121,264.35
T-7 Certification	\$58,676.00	\$25,741.35	\$18,507.63	\$19,159.81	\$1,615.60	\$123,700.39

*Credential is only approved for lead teachers with a grandfathered credential. See Pre-K Operating Guidelines for additional information.

The Rate Chart provides an estimated amount of grant funding at the class level.

- Based on an individual classroom with full enrollment (20 students).
- Not intended to provide an exact funding amount. The actual reimbursement may vary based on changes in child enrollment, lead teacher credential, and changes in days offering service.

	What is Included in the Rate Chart	What is NOT included in the Rate Chart
Salary	Entry ("E" step) Salary for lead teachers & base salary assistant teachers	Salary Steps based on individual lead teacher years of experience No salary steps for assistant teachers
Operating Classroom	Flat annual rate per classroom	
Operating Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23.760% of total salary for lead teachers with an insufficient, associate's or bachelor's level credential. • 22.230% for certified lead teachers which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retirement 20.780% ○ Medicare Portion of FICA 1.450% • 23.760% of salary for all assistant teachers 	State Health Benefit Program (SHBP) for certified lead teachers which will be paid at the system level.
Operating Transportation	Operating Transportation is funded at an annual rate of \$80.78 per student	
Special Allotment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special payments including start-up for new classes or replenishment grants. • Sparsity allowances (if applicable).