



**Georgia Dept
of Early Care
and Learning**
BRIGHT FROM THE START

Georgia's Pre-K Program Teacher of the Year Qualifications and Requirements

Must currently be teaching as a **lead teacher** in a Georgia's Pre-K classroom.

Must have three prior years' experience as a **lead teacher** in a Georgia's Pre-K classroom.

Must meet Georgia's Pre-K lead teacher credential/certification requirements and must be enrolled in the Georgia Professional Development Registry (GaPDS).

Must be planning to continue as a lead teacher in a Georgia's Pre-K classroom during the upcoming school year.

Must be employed by a Georgia's Pre-K Program provider in good standing with all programs administered by DECAL. (Pre-K, Child Care Services, Childcare and Parent Services [CAPS] and Nutrition Services).

Must be willing to serve as an ambassador for Georgia's Pre-K Program. Duties may include but are not limited to: public speaking, representing Georgia's Pre-K at meetings and trainings, mentoring other teachers and modeling effective classroom practices.

Must be able and willing to travel as needed, including some overnight stays.

Must be willing to commit to being out to the classroom at least once a month.

Must be willing to have a classroom evaluation and interview conducted if chosen as a finalist.