

Curriculum Guidance

A school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall implement a curriculum for a high-quality prekindergarten program that addresses all of the 2015 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines in the following domains:

1. social and emotional development;
2. language and communication;
3. emergent literacy reading;
4. emergent literacy writing;
5. mathematics;
6. science;
7. social studies;
8. fine arts;
9. physical development and health; and technology.

The [Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines](#) are based on current knowledge of theory and scientific research about how children develop and learn; they reflect the growing consensus among early childhood professional organizations that a greater emphasis be placed on young children's conceptual learning, acquisition of basic skills, and participation in meaningful, relevant learning experiences. The guidelines delineate the behaviors and skills that children are to exhibit and achieve, as well as instructional strategies for teachers. They provide information on responsive teaching practices, the physical arrangement of a prekindergarten classroom, professional development as the key to high-quality prekindergarten programs, the involvement of families for better school readiness of children, strategies for bilingual instruction, considerations for children with special needs and disabilities, and methods of monitoring children's progress. The Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines are intended to be useful to a broad audience including school districts, Head Start programs, child care providers, and, most importantly, children's families. Finally, the guidelines provide a means to align prekindergarten programs with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Schools and districts are strongly encouraged to use instructional materials that are on the [list adopted instructional materials](#) approved by the State Board of Education:

- The Texas DLM Early Childhood Express
- Opening the World of Learning: Texas Comprehensive Pre-K
- Big Day for PreK Texas Program
- HighScope Preschool Curriculum
- Frog Street Pre-K Texas System
- Teaching Strategies System for Pre-K, Texas edition
- We Can! Texas Classroom System

The Office of Early Childhood Education team is available to provide guidance on implementation of high-quality prekindergarten programming. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the team.

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