Prekindergarten Curriculum Guidance

In implementing Rider 78, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools should implement a curriculum for a high-quality prekindergarten program that:

a) Includes the prekindergarten guidelines established by the agency;
b) Measures the progress of students in meeting the recommended learning outcomes; and
c) Does not use national curriculum standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

TEA Guidance for Curriculum

A curriculum should address all of the 2015 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines in the following domains:

1. health and wellness;
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;
10. technology.

A curriculum that is on the list of adopted instructional materials approved by the State Board of Education, as listed below, should be used:

- 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

Tools and Resources

The Texas Education Agency’s Early Childhood Education Division team is available to provide guidance on implementation of high-quality prekindergarten programming. The division can be contacted at earlychildhoodeducation@tea.texas.gov.

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