



# **2023-2024 Early Childhood Data System (ECDS) Submission Guidance**

# Agenda

- Overview of the Early Childhood Data System (ECDS)
- Kindergarten Programs
- Public Prekindergarten Programs
- Private Prekindergarten Programs
- Support

# What is ECDS?

- Feature in the Texas Student Data System (TSDS)
- Enables state reporting
- Mandatory for **all** public schools and open enrollment charter schools, or local education agencies (LEAs)
- Variety of prekindergarten and kindergarten data is submitted by LEAs to meet state requirements

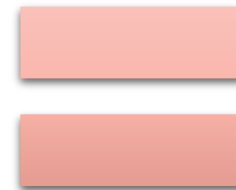


# What are ECDS best practices?

Early  
validation of  
data



Early  
submission of  
data



More time  
to work  
through  
challenges



# Kindergarten Programs

# Requirements of Kindergarten Data

- Reporting of kindergarten data is mandatory for **all** LEAs
- LEAs **must** conduct a beginning-of-year reading instrument using one of the two Commissioner-approved instruments:



## Data extracted from Student Information System (SIS):

- demographic information
- special program information
- course section information on students enrolled in LEA kindergarten classes

## Kindergarten Readiness score:

- TX-KEA – determined by if a student meets proficiency in domains of Emergent Literacy Ready (ELR), Emergent Literacy Writing (ELW), and Language and Communication (L&C)
- mCLASS – based on Composite Academic subject score

# Timeline for Kindergarten Data Submission to ECDS

- Best practice: administer beginning of year (BOY) kindergarten (KG) reading instrument within the first 60 days of the school year.

**Within first 60 days**

**ECDS Submission Window Opens**

- ECDS data will be available for promotion on November 13, 2023
- Vendors establish frequency of submissions
- LEAs should begin submitting data early

- ECDS submission window closes on January 25, 2024
- LEAs must validate their student, staff, course section, and assessment data, as well as resolve any special warnings and fatal errors

**ECDS Submission Window Closes**



## Texas Web Enabled Data Standards

- [Introduction](#)
- [Data Components](#)
- [Code Tables](#)
- [Data Submission](#)
- [Rules](#)
  - **Error Level:**
    - F (FATALS): Business validation rules that must be resolved before the LEA can complete their ECDS KG submission
    - S (SPECIAL WARNING): Business validation rules that need to be reviewed by the LEA, and resolved if possible, before completing their ECDS KG submission
- [Assessment Specifications:](#)
  - Lists min/max score range information for each KG assessment and academic subject
  - Lists 'Lowest Ready Score' range for each KG assessment and academic subject

## mCLASS Texas by Amplify

- ECDS resources on the [Amplify Texas Website:](#)
  - [ECDS Process Guide](#)
  - [BOY Kindergarten Measures Guide](#)
  - [Reporting & Analysis Suite \(RAS\) Guide](#)
  - [Early Childhood Data System \(ECDS\) Kindergarten Collection \(Clever, Classlink, Admin Portal users\)](#)
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## TX-KEA by Children's Learning Institute

- [ECDS Uploads for Kindergarten Data](#) webpage
- ECDS Data Review Resources on CLI Engage
  - [Student Results Export Report](#)
  - [Student TSDS ID Verification Information](#)
  - [Using the Student Bulk Upload Process:](#) easily upload students' TSDS IDs and entry/withdrawal dates
    - For assistance, submit a help ticket: <https://cliengage.org/help>
- Reporting Resources
  - [Accessing Reports](#)
  - [How to Export Data Using the XML File Download](#)



# Public Prekindergarten Programs

# Requirements of Prekindergarten Program Data

Reporting of prekindergarten (PK) program data is **mandatory** for all LEAs that administer a prekindergarten program. Program data collected includes:

Demographic  
Information

Special  
Program  
Information

Sources of  
Funding for  
Prekindergarten  
Classes

Course Section Data Needed to Determine:

- Students enrolled in LEA PK classes, including # of children who are eligible for free PK
- # of half-day and full-day PK classes offered by LEA and campus
- Class size
- Curriculum used in the program

Instrument Administered  
from Commissioner's List  
of Approved PK Progress  
Monitoring Instruments

Beginning-of-year and  
end-of-year scores from  
Commissioner-approved  
PK progress monitoring  
instrument

PK School Type:  
now reported at section  
level instead of LEA level

Childcare Operation  
Number

Instrument Administered  
from Commissioner's List of  
Approved PK Progress  
Monitoring Instruments

Beginning-of-year and end-  
of-year scores from  
Commissioner-approved PK  
progress monitoring  
instrument

- Per statute, the instrument used **must** be a Commissioner-approved tool
  - Visit TEA's [Data Tool Selection Guide](#) webpage for a list of current approved instruments
  - LEAs should supplement their main instrument with additional instruments from the list to meet the requirement in all five domains
- BOY and EOY student data collected that includes raw scores for all required domains, including Health and Wellness, Language and Communication, Mathematics, Emergent Literacy Reading, and Emergent Literacy Writing

## Stand-alone PK3 Classrooms:

- Districts and open-enrollment charters are not required to collect student progress data in stand-alone PK3 classrooms.
- If a district or open-enrollment charter conducts student progress monitoring with its eligible three-year-old students using an appropriate tool from the Commissioner's List, the BOY and EOY data should be submitted into the ECDS annually.

## Mixed Classrooms with 3- and 4-year-olds:

- For mixed classrooms (PK3 with PK4), implement developmentally appropriate progress monitoring for 3-year-olds. **Adjust or exclude 3-year-olds as needed.**
- Districts and open-enrollment charters with mixed PK classrooms **are still required** to meet reporting requirements for 4-year-olds.

## For teachers in an LEA-provided PK classroom:

- certification offered through a training center accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
- be employed as a prekindergarten teacher in a school district that has ensured specific early childhood education professional development has been met
- a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
- documented completion of the Texas School Ready Training Program (TSR Comprehensive)
- an **\*associate or baccalaureate** degree in early childhood education or a related field or
- at least eight (8) years of experience teaching in a nationally accredited childcare program or a **\*Texas Rising Star Program**



## **\*NEW: For teachers in a PK classroom provided by an entity with which a school district contracts to provide a PK program:**

- At least two years' experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program and a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or another early childhood education credential approved by the agency
- At least two years' experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program and a certification offered through a training center accredited by Association Montessori Internationale or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
- Been employed as a prekindergarten teacher in a school district that has ensured specific prekindergarten professional development requirements have been met
- An associate or baccalaureate degree in early childhood or a related field
- At least eight years' experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program

The following data is also required to be submitted into ECDS for those public prekindergarten programs serving eligible four-year-old students. Submission of data starts November 13, 2023, and ends June 27, 2024.

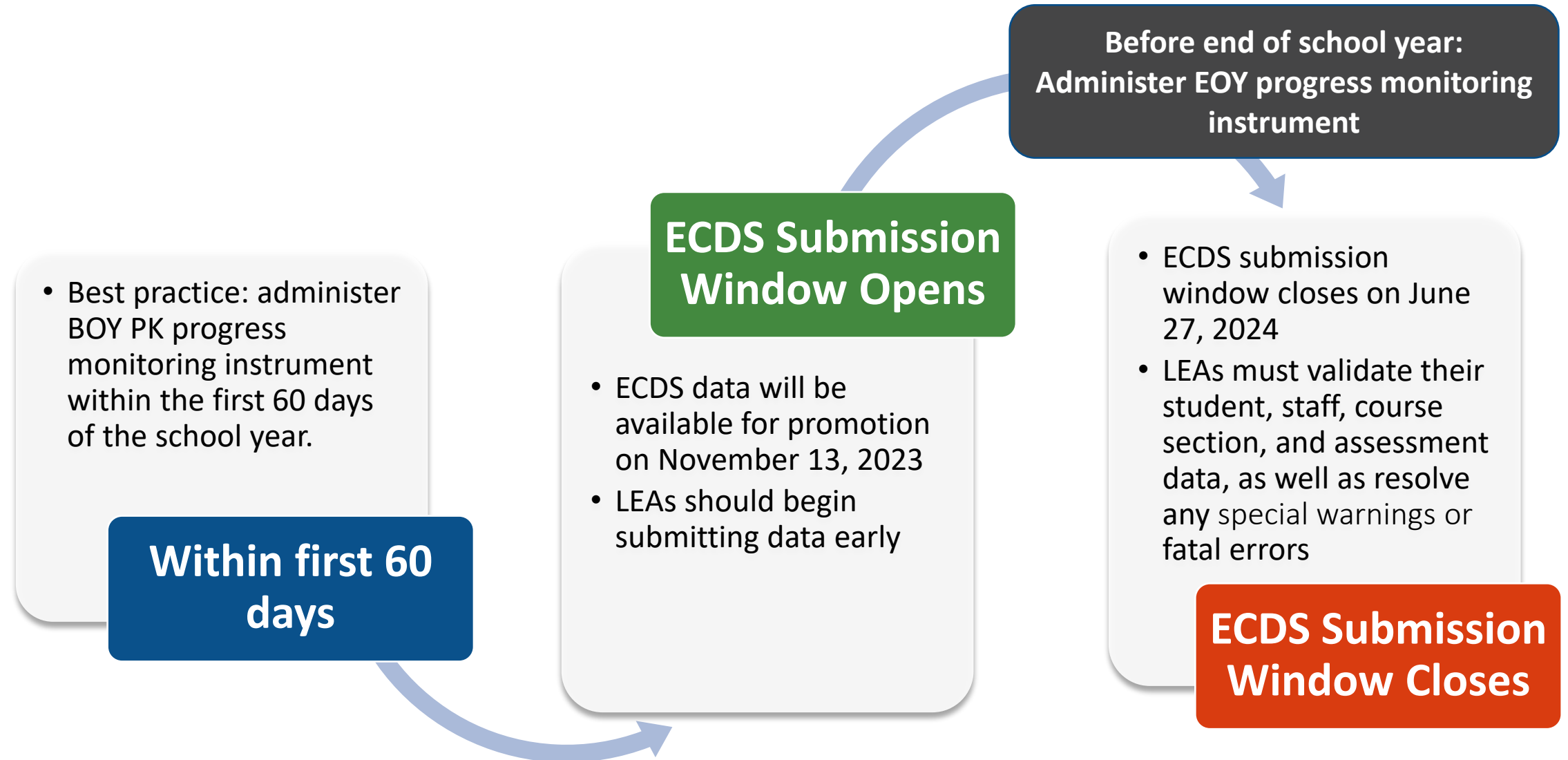
Direct Link to  
Family  
Engagement  
Plan

Program  
Evaluation Type  
\*Now reported at the LEA level

High-quality PK  
Program  
Indicator  
Student Level



# Timeline for Prekindergarten Data Submission to ECDS





# Private Prekindergarten Programs

Reporting of prekindergarten program data into ECDS is **optional** for private prekindergarten programs. Submission of data starts November 13, 2023, and ends June 27, 2024.

Program data collected includes:

**Demographic  
Information**

**Special  
Program  
Information**

**Classroom Link on four-  
year-old students  
Enrolled in a Licensed  
Childcare or Head Start  
Program**



# Troubleshooting Common ECDS Issues

- **Errors with Student Unique ID:**
  - ODS will display errors for Student Assessment xml data for:
    - Missing UIDs, Incorrect format of UID
- **Issues caused by extra spaces anywhere in the data fields in the assessment xml files (Ex: the Assessment Code or with extra spaces):**
  - Could fail when loading into the ODS
  - Could generate fatal business validations after promoting data
  - Will possibly display NULL values in ECDS reports where assessment information is to be displayed (Ex: ECDO-000-004 Data Submission Kindergarten report)
- **Errors in ODS for student assessment data not being loaded:**
  - LEAs must load their Student Parent Extension xml from their SIS before the LEA loads their Assessment Metadata and Student Assessment Data into the ODS using the 'Load Assessments' button in the ECDS application

- **If ASSESEMENT DATA *should not* have been provided for a student:**
  - The LEA will need to run the following ODS delete to remove assessment information for a student:
    - “Delete All ECDS Assessment Data by Assessment Title for School Year in TSDS for a Specific Student”
  - If kindergarten: The LEA will need to contact their ECDS KG assessment vendor to provide a new file for the next delivery to TEA with the assessment data removed for that KG student.

## ECDS Office Hours

### ECDS Submission Guidance:

Monday, November 28, 2023  
10:30-11:30 AM CT

## ECDS Kindergarten

### Submission Guidance:

Tuesday, January 17, 2024  
1:00-2:00 PM CT

## Questions?



- For policy and program related questions: [ECE Support Portal](#)



- For technical questions related to ECDS submission, submit a TSDS Incident Management System (TIMS) ticket using a TEAL login.



**Thank you for your continued  
dedication!**