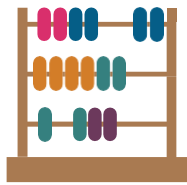


High-Quality Preschool

Developing Essential Skills

High-quality early childhood education helps young children build skills and knowledge through play, strong relationships, and intentional instruction. Positive experiences in public and private educational settings, guided by qualified educators, give children a strong foundation for future learning success. These early learning experiences spark a child's natural curiosity, nurture their growth into well-rounded learners, and prepare them for future educational achievements.



Play and Effective Instruction

Effective educators use play activities with clear learning goals to keep children engaged. They provide personalized instruction to help all students learn successfully.



Whole Child

Quality preschool programs support children's development in many areas, including literacy, problem-solving, emotional, physical/movement, and social skills. They recognize that children learn best when growth areas are connected and work together.



Interactions

Children learn through exploring during play on their own and when interacting with adults and other children. Frequent, respectful conversations with adults and other children make learning enjoyable and encourage children to be curious and engaged.



Curriculum

High-quality preschool programs use a curriculum supported by research and data to show its effectiveness in supporting learning and development. The teaching methods and materials are age-appropriate and engaging, promoting healthy growth for young children.



Professional Learning

Effective early learning programs provide educators with regular participation in ongoing professional learning, including coaching, to enhance their skills. Lead teachers typically have a credential or degree in early childhood education or a related field. Administrators set and review program goals to continue improvement.



Family Engagement

Successful preschool programs understand that parents and guardians are children’s first and most important teachers. These programs support and encourage family members to actively engage in their child’s education through open communication and information sharing to be partners in the learning process.

The High Quality School Readiness Grant Program was created to expand access to high quality school readiness programs for eligible students through grants administered by the department for eligible LEAs and private providers.

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- 35A-15-202: Elements of a high quality school readiness program.
- 35A-15-301: Becoming Quality School Readiness Grant Program.
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