

Application for Recognition as a Prequalified Prekindergarten Program

Please complete a Prequalification Application to be recognized as a prekindergarten education program. If your program has multiple sites, complete an application for EACH site.

Be certain to answer all of the questions. If you submit an incomplete application, you will receive an email notifying you of such; you would then need to start the application process from the beginning.

Staff from the Agency of Education and the Department for Children and Families will review completed applications, determine eligibility, and notify applicants within 30 business days of receiving a completed application.

If your program is not approved as a prequalified prekindergarten program, you may request reconsideration within 10 business days from notification of non-approval and upon submission of additional information. Thank you.

Program Information

Program Name: _____

Program Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Program Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Type of Agency/Organization:

Public school operated

Head Start

Private provider:

For Profit

Non-Profit

Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

Child Care/Early Childhood Program License Number from the Bright Futures Information System (refer to your operating license): _____



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PreK Program Standards

Act 166 requires that all Prekindergarten Education (PreK) programs meet specific program and staff quality standards.

With respect to program standards, all prequalified PreK programs must meet one of the following standards: (1) accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); or (2) participation in STARS, Vermont's quality rating system at the 3, 4, or 5 Stars level (note: Programs with only 3 Stars must have an approved Plan to obtain 4 Stars within 2 years).

How many STARS does your program current have?

No STARS 1 STAR 2 STARS 3 STARS 4 STARS 5 STARS

What is your program's STARS renewal date (from your STARS certificate)? _____

Does your program have 3 STARS and an approved plan to obtain 4 STARS? Yes No

If "yes", provide the date when the plan was approved, and when it needs to be completed:

Date approved: _____ Date plan must be completed: _____

Is your program accredited by NAEYC? Yes No

Accreditation Renewal Date: _____ Accreditation ID #: _____

Alignment of Program's Curriculum with the Vermont Early learning Standards (VELS)

To be approved as a prequalified prekindergarten education program, the program's curriculum must address all domains included in Vermont's Early Learning Standards

What is the curriculum used in your Prekindergarten Education program? (Check all that apply)

Creative Curriculum

High Scope

Fountas & Pinnell

Writing Without Tears

I am Moving, I Am Learning

Center for Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSFEL)

Other (please describe)



Briefly explain how the curriculum used in your Prekindergarten Education program addresses each domain of the Vermont Early Learning Standards.

Approaches to Learning

Social and Emotional Development

Language, Literacy, and Communication

Mathematics

Science

Social Studies

Creative Expression

Physical Health & Development

Personnel Standards

Act 166 Personnel Standards require all PreK programs to have a licensed early childhood educator (ECE) or early childhood special educator (ECSE). However, the specific requirements vary depending upon the type of early learning and development program.

Complete the section that pertains to the program seeking prequalification status.



Public School-Operated PreK Programs

Standard: Every classroom must have a licensed ECE or ECSE teacher.

Number of PreK Classrooms: _____

Classroom	Teacher Name	Educator ID # (On printed license)	Check if provisional license
#1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			

Private Center-Based PreK Programs

Standard: At least one licensed ECE or ECSE teacher must be present during PreK program.

Please provide information on all licensed educators in your program.

Number of PreK Classrooms: _____ Number of Licensed ECE or ECSE educators: _____

Name of Licensed ECE or ECSE educator	Role	Educator ID # (On printed license)	Check if provisional license

Family Child Care Home PreK Programs

Standard: Educator/Provider must either be licensed in ECE or ECSE, or receive a minimum of 3 hours of mentoring per week from a licensed ECE or ECSE educator.

I hold a valid ECE or ECSE Vermont educator license Yes No

My educator license is provisional Yes No

OR

I receive 3 or more hours of mentoring each week from a licensed ECE or ECSE educator Yes No

If you have a mentor, what is her/his name? _____

Mentor's educator #: _____ Provisional license Yes No

Capacity and Assurances

What is the maximum number of children (by age group) you can enroll in your PreK program?

Number of 3 year old children: _____

Number of 4 year old children (including 5 year olds not in kindergarten): _____

I assure that the information I have provided is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. Yes No

Assurances:

To be eligible as a Prequalified PreK program, the following assurances are required. Please check each assurance.

I assure that the prekindergarten education I will provide is non-religious.

I assure that the prekindergarten program will operate a minimum of 10 hours per week, and 35 weeks during the academic year.

I assure that the information I have provided is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____