

Welcome to New Mexico PreK

NM PreK Grant Application Orientation



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New and Expanding Programs

Purpose of NM PreK

- Increase statewide access to voluntary high-quality preschool education programs
- Provide developmentally appropriate early learning activities for New Mexico preschoolers that focus on school readiness
- Expand early childhood community capacity



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Who Is Eligible?

- **School districts, local education agencies, or public charter schools.** Public school programs must participate in PED FOCUS, including special education preschool.
- **Early childhood education programs licensed by ECECD and in good standing.** ECECD-licensed providers must have applied to participate in FOCUS (New Mexico Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System) at the time of application to be eligible, as stated in the New Mexico PreK Standards.
- **Tribal early childhood education programs (e.g. child care and Head Start).**
- **Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools and BIE contract (and grant) schools with early childhood education programs.**



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Supporting a Mixed Delivery System

PreK supports equitable access to early childhood services through a mixed-delivery system in diverse settings:

- Public Schools, including state charter schools
- Licensed child care centers and homes
- Head Start
- Tribal early childhood programs



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NM PreK Program Standards

The PreK Program Standards are organized into the following essential elements:

- Health, Safety, and Nutrition
- Full Participation of Each Child
- Assessment of Children
- Evaluation of Continual Improvement of Programs
- Professionalism
- Administration of NM Preschool Programs



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NM PreK Program Standards

- **Programs will be required to:**
 - Ensure children receive health screenings that include vision, dental, and health screenings
 - Make family engagement a priority so all families are included in this educational journey
 - Provide social and emotional supports to each child
 - Engage in on-going community collaboration to better meet the needs of the children and families you are serving and plan to serve in the future
 - Adhere to the professional development requirements
 - Fully participate and engage with your Consultant or Educational Coach

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Program Options

- New Mexico PreK program is designed to support a mixed delivery model to meet the needs of the community.
- Options include
 - ◆ PreK for 4-year-old children
 - ◆ Mixed age for 3 and 4-year-old children
 - ◆ Early PreK for 3-year-old children



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Program Options - PreK

New Mexico PreK Services

- A voluntary, state-funded early childhood education program for **children who turn 4 years of age before September 1** and are not age-eligible for Kindergarten.



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Program Options - PreK Mixed Age

New Mexico PreK Mixed Age

- A voluntary, state-funded early childhood education programs for **children who turn 3 or 4 years of age before September 1** and are not age-eligible for Kindergarten.
- Only available to Community-based programs



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Program Options - Early PreK

New Mexico Early PreK

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Compensation

NM PreK Day Rate:	NM Early PreK Day Rate:	NM Mixed Age Day Rate:
\$7,000-Per-Child Reimbursement Rate for a NM PreK Extended-Day Child	\$8,750-Per-Child Reimbursement Rate for a NM Early PreK Extended- Day Child	\$8,750-Per-Child Reimbursement Rate for a NM Mixed Age PreK Extended-Day Child
Maximum Class Size – 20 Educator: Child Ratio – 1:10	Maximum Class Size – 16 Educator: Child Ratio – 1:8	Maximum Class Size – 16 Educator: Child Ratio – 1:8
900 Classroom Hours and 90 Family Engagement Hours– 990 Hours Total	900 Classroom Hours and 90 Family Engagement Hours– 990 Hours Total	900 Classroom Hours and 90 Family Engagement Hours – 990 Hours Total



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Other Funding Options

<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Start-Up and Safety</u>
Funding is available for programs where there is no other way for children to access PreK programs.	If funding is available programs can apply for start-up funds to equip a <u>new</u> PreK, Mixed or Early PreK classroom.



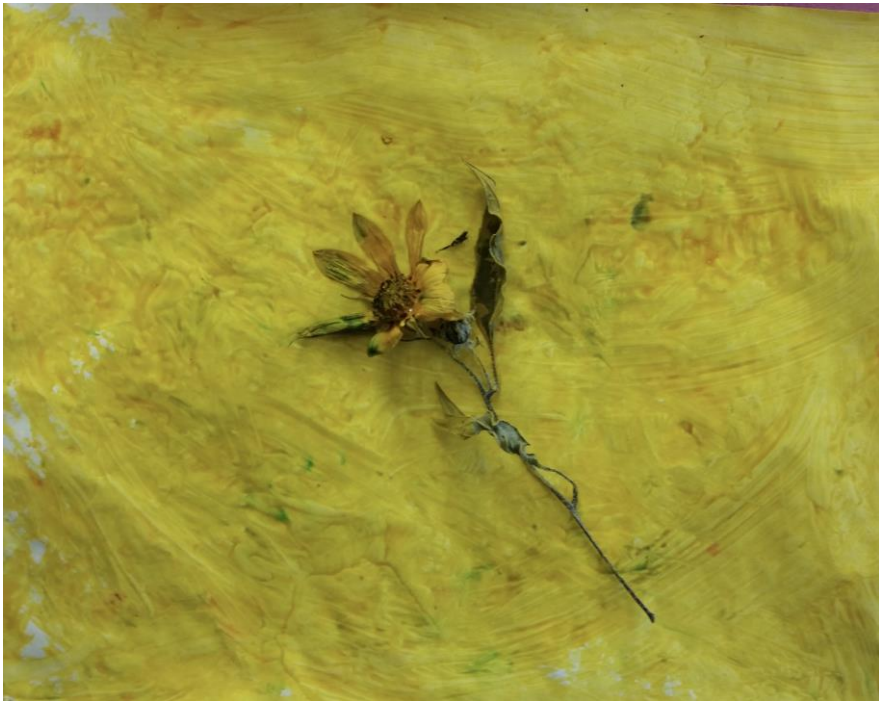
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PreK Application Format



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Application Submission

- Complete and signed applications are due to the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD)
- no later than 1 p.m. MDST/MST on March 31, 2021.
- **Please email all applications to:**
 - ♦ ececd.rfa@state.nm.us
 - ♦ Please include your program or school district name in the subject line.
- No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.



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Schedule of Events

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
Grant Application Period Opens	ECECD	Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Optional Pre-application Orientation Session (English) Optional Pre-application Orientation Session (Spanish)	ECECD	Tuesday, February 23, 2021 1 p.m. 3 p.m.
Submit Written Questions	Applicant	Friday, February 26, 2021
Response to Written Questions	ECECD	Friday, March 5, 2021
Submission of Grant Application	Applicant	Wednesday, March 31, 2021 no later than 1 p.m.
Grant Award Letter Issued	ECECD	Tuesday, May 25, 2021



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THANK YOU

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Please submit all written questions to:

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By February 26, 2021



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