

New Mexico PreK FY25 Grant Application Office Hours



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Agenda

- NM PreK purpose and applicant eligibility
- Application criteria
- Program types and options
- Per-child and supplemental funding rates
- Priority categories and saturation
- Grant application schedule
- Online application preview
- Questions and Answers



Purpose and Eligibility

- In FY25, the New Mexico Legislature appropriated an additional \$17M to ECECD to enhance and expand the NM PreK program.
- The NM PreK Grant is a competitive, multi-year grant for the following eligible providers:
 - Local Education Agency (LEAs) or state charter school
 - Child Care (center and home-based) programs currently licensed by ECECD
 - Tribal early childhood education program
 - Head Start program (Region 11 (Tribal) and Region 6)
 - School operated by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)





NM PreK Goals

1. Increase access to voluntary, quality PreK programs
2. Provide developmentally appropriate activities for New Mexico children
3. Focus on school readiness
4. Expand early childhood community capacity



Submission of a complete grant application is required

- New Programs
- Renewal Requests
- Expansion Requests
- Basic (Half Day) to Extended (Full Day) Conversion Requests

Conversion and Enrollment Reduction

- Current PreK providers can submit a formal letter to request a conversion or enrollment reduction

Conversion or Enrollment Reduction letters must be on district/program letterhead and contain the following:

- Current program option(s)
- Requested changes to program option or type
- Rationale for program changes including a description of community collaboration

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Program *Types*

- **Basic PreK:** 540
- **Extended PreK:**
1080 instructional hours
- **Extended Plus PreK:**
1380 instructional hours

Program *Options*

- **Early PreK (3s)**
- **Mixed PreK (3s and 4s)**
- **PreK (4s)**



Per-Student Rates

Per-Student Rates	Early PreK (3s) and Mixed PreK (3s and 4s)	PreK (4s)
Extended (1,080 hours of instruction; 90 hours of parent engagement)	\$12,300	\$10,300
Extended Plus (1,380 hours of instruction; 90 hours of parent engagement)	\$15,750	\$14,300

- Support for extended instructional hours
- Salary parity built into rate
- Allow for substitutes while teachers participate in professional development and coaching

Maximizing and Leveraging Head Start Programs

HEAD START OPTIONS	Description	Per-Child Rate
Dual Enrollment Extended Option	This option is for Head Start programs to extend to 1080 instructional hours annually and dually enroll Head Start children in NM PreK	Programs will receive reimbursement for the difference between their current Head Start Rate per child and the 3-year-old mixed age rate (\$12,300)
Dual Enrollment Extended Plus Option	This option is for Head Start programs to extend to 1380 instructional hours annually and dually enroll Head Start children in NM PreK	Programs will be paid the difference between their current Head Start Rate per child and the 3-year-old mixed age rate (\$15,750)
Blended Enrollment Extended Option	This option is for Head Start programs to dually enroll Head Start children in NM PreK and serve non-Head Start NM PreK children within the same classroom for 1080 instructional hours annually.	Programs will be paid the difference between their current Head Start Rate per child and the 3-year-old mixed age rate (\$12,300) AND each NM PreK-only slot will receive the full 3-year-old/mixed age rate
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Examples of Instructional Hours

NM PreK Program Average Instructional Hours/Days Scenarios

Basic PreK		
Required Instructional Hours	Average Instructional Hours/Day	Average # of School Days
540	3.5 (minimum hrs./day)	154
	4 (maximum hrs./day)	135

Extended PreK		
Required Instructional Hours	Average Instructional Hours/Day	Average # of School Days
1080	6.5 (minimum hrs./day)	166
	7 (maximum hrs./day)	154

Extended PreK Plus		
Required Instructional Hours	Average Instructional Hours/Day	Average # of School Days
1380	6.5 (minimum hrs./day)	212
	7	197
	7.5	184
	8 (maximum hrs./day)	173

Supplemental Funding Rates

Supplemental Funding	2024-25
Startup and Safety	\$25,000 per new classroom
Transportation	\$1,000 per child
<i>One-time purchase</i> of research-based curriculum and professional development	\$5,000 per new classroom



Expanding Early PreK Across the Mixed-Delivery System

ECECD will prioritize funding PreK applications based on the following categories and saturation. “Saturation” refers to the number of slots in Head Start and New Mexico PreK available within the geographic boundaries of a school district.

- **Priority 1:** NM School District Areas that do not have any School or Community-based NM PreK slots.
- **Priority 2:** NM School District Areas that do not have any School or Community-Based NM Early PreK Slots or serve less than 75% of four-year-olds.
- **Priority 3:** NM School District Areas with less than 25% saturation of NM Early PreK slots
- **Priority 4:** NM School Districts that have between 25-50% saturation of NM Early PreK slots

NM PreK Grant Application Schedule

Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
Grant Application Period Opens	ECECD	Wednesday, March 20, 2024
PreK Office Hours <u>Via Zoom</u> nmececd.org.zoom.us/s/89623712358 Spanish Interpretation available	ECECD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 9 a.m. • Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 1 p.m. • Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. • Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6 p.m.
Deadline to Submit Written Questions Not Addressed in the Orientation Session	Eligible Applicant	Friday, April 5, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. (MDT)
Response to Written Questions	ECECD	Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Deadline to Submit Grant Application	Eligible Applicant	Friday, April 19, 2024, no later than 3:00 p.m. (MDT)
Grant Award Letter Issued	ECECD	Thursday – Friday, May 30-31, 2024

Online Application through Submittable

Applications for the FY25 NM PreK grant will only be accepted ONLINE

- You will need to create an account with Submittable at the following link: <https://nmececd-ecen.submittable.com/signup>.
- Your information will automatically save so you can complete your application in multiple sessions if needed.
- If you have any questions or require assistance setting up your account or as you complete the application, you can use the [Submitter Resource Center](#) or contact [Submittable Customer Support](#).
- When you submit your application, you will receive an email from Submittable confirming the receipt of your application and detailing the total funding amount requested.
- For more information on the grant and to access the online application please visit <https://www.nmececd.org/prekgrant/>.

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