

## **Family Information About the Summer Preschool Program and Your Child's Data**

Your child is enrolling in a state-funded Summer Preschool Program for children ages 4 and 5 who have not yet attended kindergarten. The program addresses learning needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing funding to support transition to kindergarten. The program specifically supports children who have experienced life circumstances that may have prevented them from attending a high-quality early childhood program. This includes children who meet one or more of the priority criteria listed below.

### **What We will Collect**

Programs that participate in the Summer Preschool Program must collect and report to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) basic information about the children who enroll in and receive learning services in order to receive and use the funding.

We will collect your child's name, birthdate, race and ethnicity and, as applicable, the priority criteria such as:

- Children in foster care, under child protection, experiencing homelessness, tribally enrolled or the children of teenage parents.
- Children at risk for or currently receiving supports and services such as Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) or English language learners.
- Children qualifying for free and reduced-price lunch or other public assistance programs that demonstrate a household income of 185 percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines.

### **How We will Use this Information**

MDE will use this information to:

1. Ensure that programs satisfy requirements and that they use funding to enroll and provide learning support services to eligible children, especially children in a priority category.
2. Evaluate the Summer Preschool Program in supporting children who may have been impacted by COVID-19 as they transition to kindergarten. To complete this evaluation, MDE may in the future link your child's participation in the Summer Preschool Program with other data regularly collected by schools and reported to MDE.

### **How We will Protect this Information**

This information is classified as private data. MDE will not use this information for other purposes unless authorized or required to by state or federal law. MDE will not share this information within MDE or with outside entities unless the sharing is required or authorized by a state or federal law.

### **If You Do Not Share this Information**

MDE needs enrollment and priority criteria information to ensure that your child's early childhood education program is complying with the requirements. If you do not share the early childhood program may not be able to receive funding, which could affect the services your child receives or the costs to attend.