

A photograph of a female teacher with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a white t-shirt, sitting on the floor and reading a book to three young children. The children are also sitting on the floor, looking at the book. They are in a classroom setting with bookshelves filled with books and blue storage bins in the background.

Early Childhood Education

Program Area Updates & Guidance



- ECDS Prekindergarten Assessment Update
 - The [2024-2025 through 2026-2027 Commissioner's List of Approved Prekindergarten Progress Monitoring Instruments](#) started being implemented this school year.
 - Please note: There are no exemptions given for LEAs that do not administer commissioner-approved pre-k instruments.
 - **There will be no collection of MOY prekindergarten data through ECDS for the 24-25 SY**
- High-Quality Prekindergarten ECDS Reporting Update
 - SY 24-25: PK Teacher Requirement descriptor table has been updated with an additional code and will generate a fatal error if left blank. The additional code is code 98- "PK teacher in a school district no additional HQPK Qualification".

ECDS PK School Type Descriptor Table

Descriptor	Description
01 Non-Public Pre-K Head Start	would be reported for a standalone Head Start not associated with a school district.
02 Public Pre-K	would be reported for public school programs implementing prekindergarten programs (excluding partnerships).
05 Non-Public Pre-K Licensed Child Care	would be reported for standalone child care providers not associated with a school district.
07 Public Pre-K Head Start (LEA Grantee)	would be reported for public prekindergarten Head Start classrooms where the LEA is the Head Start grantee. (This school type code will NOT require the LEA to submit a Child Care Operation Number.)
08 Public Pre-K Licensed Child Care	would be reported for public prekindergarten programs that partner directly with a licensed child care provider to dually enroll students (includes partnership classrooms where children are dually enrolled in both the LEA and child care provider site). (This school type code WILL require the LEA to submit a Child Care Operation Number.)
10 Non-Public Pre-K	would be reported for private prekindergarten providers not associated with a school district.
11 In-District Charter Partnership	would be reported for prekindergarten programs that are operated through an in-district charter partnership. The board of the LEA has authorized a non-profit organization, government entity, institute of higher education, and/or an existing charter as an in-district charter. (This school type code WILL require the LEA to submit a Child Care Operation Number.)
12 Public Pre-K Head Start (Non-LEA Grantee)	would be reported for public prekindergarten programs that partner with a Head Start program and the Head Start grantee is not an LEA. (This school type code WILL require the LEA to submit a Child Care Operation Number.)
99 Other	would be reported when any of the codes do not describe the program.

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- For Descriptors 11 and 12: This school type code **WILL** require the LEA to submit a Child Care Operation Number, if partnering with a licensed provider. If the partnering provider is **NOT** licensed, eight zeros, "00000000", must be entered.)

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