



The Office of Early Childhood is honored to provide an open-source curriculum for four-year-old preschool classrooms (public, private, childcare, home care, Head Start). The MS Beginnings: Pre-K curriculum is intended to support any preschool teacher in providing rich, play-based, intentional, developmentally appropriate instruction. When implemented with fidelity, the MS Beginnings: Pre-K curriculum builds social-emotional, executive function, language, literacy, math, and vocabulary skills.

MS Beginnings: Pre-K meets the requirements of the MS Early Learning Guidelines:

- Aligned to MS Early Learning Standards
- Comprehensive to cover all domains
- Emphasis on early childhood literacy
- Evidence-based of child outcomes
- Thematic-based

Special thanks to the Boston Public Schools Department of Early Childhood for their guidance and support in the creation of MS Beginnings: Pre-K. The curriculum is derived from Boston's Focus on Early Learning curriculum. The child outcomes evidence-based research can be found at this link: [Teacher as Researcher — Focus on Early Learning \(bpsearlylearning.org\)](https://bpsearlylearning.org).

For additional child-outcome evidence-based information about the MS Beginnings: Pre-K Curriculum, please see this document: [The Research Supporting Mississippi Beginnings](#). This document is designed to provide early childhood education partners with a better understanding of Mississippi's state-

funded program pre-k curriculum and its evidence-based foundation. Additional support materials are available upon request from the Office of Early Childhood Education.