



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF DUVAL

PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

FOR LICENSED, GOLD SEAL, AND RELIGIOUS EXEMPT SCHOOL READINESS
(SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE) PROVIDERS

Dear School Readiness Provider,

The Early Learning Coalition of Duval will require all licensed, gold seal, and religious exempt school readiness providers, to use a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum beginning August 1, 2007. This requirement is referenced in 411.01 of Florida Statute and in Section 4.3.1 of the Coalition Plan for 2006-2009.

The following documents are attached to this letter:

- List of 10 Board approved developmentally appropriate curricula and web sites information
- Preschool Curriculum Form - to be filled by providers who use one of the 10 approved curricula
- **Curriculum Approval Process to be used by those centers who want to use a curriculum that is not on the approved list - deadline for submission is Friday, 5/25/07.**

We look forward to working with you, helping you, and fully supporting you, in making this transition to the use of developmentally appropriate curriculum in your preschool classroom/s.

Sincerely,

Padma Rajan

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Director of Programs
Early Learning Coalition of Duval

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE PACKET CAREFULLY.



BOARD MOTION AND LIST OF 10 DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULA - (approved at ELC of Duval Board Meeting held on 12/13/06)

All early learning centers (licensed, gold seal, and religious exempt) with an agreement to receive school readiness children will use one of the developmentally appropriate preschool curricula approved by the Early Learning Coalition of Duval by August 1, 2007.

Early Learning centers that would like to present their own curriculum or an assortment of curricula for consideration as developmentally appropriate may do so through the process defined by the Early Learning Coalition on or before Friday, May 25, 2007.

RATIONALE FOR MOTION

Per Section 4.3.1 of the ELC of Duval Coalition Plan 2006-2009 submitted to the State Office of Early Learning, and Florida Statute 411.01, ELC of Duval is required to ensure that school readiness programs provide the elements necessary to prepare children ready for school, by providing a curriculum that addresses acceptable practices based on the Florida School Readiness Performance Standards. ELC of Duval is required to have a process in place for identifying, monitoring, and providing support to providers on developmentally appropriate curricula, as well as a process in place for a provider to submit a developmentally appropriate curriculum for evaluation and / or recommendation.

APPROVED DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRESCHOOL CURRICULA

- Creative Curriculum
www.creativecurriculum.net
- DLM Early Childhood Express
<http://www.wrightgroup.com/index.php/programsummary?isbn=0076020258>
- ELLM Plus
<http://www.unf.edu/dept/fie/ellm/>
- Harcourt
http://www.harcourt.com/bu_info/harcourt_school.html
- High Reach
<http://www.highreach.com/Scripts/default.asp>
- High Scope
www.highscope.org
- Houghton Mifflin
http://www.hmco.com/divisions/school_division.html
- Links to Literacy
www.linkstoliteracy.net
- Saxon
<http://saxonpublishers.harcourtachieve.com/en-US/saxonpublishers.htm>
- Wee Learn
<http://www.cdealliance.org/research.html>

Full report is available on our web site at WWW.ELCOFDUVAL.ORG



PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM FORM

TO BE FILLED BY SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS WHO DO USE ONE OF THE 10 APPROVED DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULA LISTED BELOW AS THE PRIMARY CURRICULUM

Name of School Readiness Site:

Site Owner / Director:

Phone:

Check the name of the curriculum used as the primary curriculum in your preschool classroom/s:

- Creative Curriculum
- DLM Early Childhood Express
- ELLM Plus
- Harcourt
- High Reach
- High Scope
- Houghton Mifflin
- Links to Literacy
- Saxon
- Wee Learn

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION - 5/25/07

Mail form to: ELC of Duval, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Suite 102, Jacksonville, FL 32216; Attn: Cynthia Robbins



REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM APPROVAL FORM
TO BE FILLED BY SCHOOL READINESS PROVIDERS WHO DO NOT USE
ONE OF THE 10 APPROVED DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULA

1. Please complete the **Request for Curriculum Approval form** along with all curriculum materials to be evaluated to the Early Learning Coalition of Duval Curriculum Committee.
2. The Curriculum Committee members will conduct the review, utilizing the Checklist for Curriculum Evaluation.
3. The school readiness provider will be notified in writing by the Coalition if the curriculum is approved for use in the preschool classroom or if a choice of one of the 10 Board approved Developmentally Appropriate Curricula has to be made.

The **Request for Curriculum Approval Form** and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Coalition office: - see address below.

If you have any questions, **please send an email** to Padma Rajan, prajan@elcofduval.org, or leave a message for Cynthia Robbins at (904) 208-2040, ext. 220. Calls will be returned in the order in which they are received.

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REQUEST FOR PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM APPROVAL FORM

School Readiness site: _____

Site owner/director: _____

Phone: _____

Curriculum to be evaluated: _____

Date form submitted: _____

Do you intend to use this curriculum in conjunction with any other curricula? If so, which one/ones?

What curriculum have you selected?

Demonstrate how this curriculum is based on all of the Florida School Readiness Performance standards:

Standard	Meets	Doesn't	Explain
Designed for 4 / 5 year olds			
Designed for 3 year olds			
Includes emergent literacy and language skills building; oral print and phonological awareness.			



Includes focus on approaches to learning; eager, curious, creative			
Includes focus on age appropriate social and emotional development			
Includes focus on language and communication skills development: listening, speaking sentences			
Includes focus on cognitive and general knowledge development for:	XXX	XXXXX	XXXXXX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematical thinking: analysis and measurement 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific thinking: Inquiry 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Studies: people, citizenship, government 			
Includes focus on the arts: expression, understanding and appreciation			



Includes focus on motor development:	XXX	XXXXX	XXXXXXXX
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross motor: balance and coordination 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fine motor development: eye hand coordination, beginning of control of writing and drawing tools. 			
Provides specific recommendations on daily schedule			
Includes Spanish materials			
Includes focus on skill areas			
Provides specific examples of activities			
Provides specific recommendations on materials selection.			
Provides specific recommendations on daily schedule			
Includes approach/strategies for integration across content areas			
Cultural diversity is addressed			
Includes curriculum referenced			



assessment materials			
Provides examples for adapting curricula for children with developmental disabilities or sensory/physical impairments			
Can purchase on-site professional development			
Cost of the program:	xxx	xxxxx	

Describe the early literacy content included in this curriculum.

If there is a character development component in this curriculum, please describe.

Is there a family involvement component? Please describe.

What training is provided to your teachers to assist them in properly utilizing this curriculum?

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FULLY. PLEASE SUPPLY A COPY OF THE CURRICULUM FOR REVIEW.