

Prekindergarten Student Progress Monitoring

Has the end of year (EOY) prekindergarten student progress monitoring requirement been changed due to COVID-19?

If a district is not delivering instruction in their buildings but is instead operating in an alternative or distant learning capacity (“Closed, Instructing” per other agency guidance), administration of an EOY would not be expected/required. If a district is unable to administer the EOY SPM due to COVID-19, this would be taken into consideration when reviewing data and providing support.

Full-Day Prekindergarten Waiver

The full-day prekindergarten waiver deadline has been extended to July 1, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prekindergarten Registration

Prekindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 School Year & COVID-19:

Many districts preregister prekindergarten students to plan for the size of the next school year’s program. Districts may begin this process on or after April 1 of each year, and once a child is determined to be eligible, he/she remains eligible without reverification prior to the next school year. Section 7, *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook*. Despite these preregistration requirements, districts may conduct pre-identification of students for planning purposes prior to April 1.

In response to COVID-19, districts may adapt their prekindergarten registration in the following ways:

- Delay/postpone prekindergarten registration
- Collect applicable information online (if possible)
- Implement a virtual registration (to the extent possible)
- Use the 2019-2020 income guidelines until the 2020-2021 income deadlines are released. Families that are close to the income threshold (too high or too low) should be documented and notified if eligible once the updated income guidelines are released

The prekindergarten eligibility information must be verified between April 1st and prior to a child being placed in a classroom for the 2020-2021 school year to generate state prekindergarten funds.

Please note: TEA has requested a waiver from the U. S. Department of Education for local determinations to be used to guide English learner exit determinations/reclassifications this year. Further guidance on this topic will be posted to the [COVID-19](#) and [BIL/ESL](#) page.