



# Universal Preschool Curricula List

## Background

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is required to provide a list of curricula for use by providers that meet the following requirements:

- Utilize and implement a curriculum that is:
  - Supported by evidence to improve student outcomes;
  - Aligned with the Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines and Colorado Academic Standards and includes activities that promote literacy, language development, early numeracy, physical, social-emotional, science, social studies, and creative arts;
  - Designed to use individual child assessment findings when developing instruction plans;
  - Culturally, developmentally, and linguistically appropriate for the family populations served; and
  - Inclusive of the diverse needs of individual learners.

## Review Process

All curricula on this list have undergone an initial review and have been cleared for use in the 2026-2027 program year.

A published, **comprehensive curriculum** is a pre-designed, research-based system that covers the full scope of a child’s development and learning and includes specific, pre-written lessons, materials, and assessment tools. They can be proprietary and non-proprietary. A non-proprietary curriculum can be purchased and used by anyone. A proprietary curriculum is developed exclusively for a specific program and is available only to that program.

A **locally developed curriculum** is one developed by educators, administrators, or the specific community where it is used. Some providers combine domain-specific curricula to cover the full scope; this is also considered a locally developed curriculum.

To seek approval for locally developed, published, or proprietary curricula, use the [submission guide](#) to prepare your documentation and submit the [UPK Resource Bank Submission Form](#). Once your documentation is submitted to CDEC, you may continue using the curriculum until further action is directed by CDEC. Once your submission has been reviewed, CDEC will subsequently issue a notice which may include an approval, an invitation to revise, or an indication of ineligibility.

Approval or denial letters will be sent to all submitters following quarterly reviews.

If you are using one of the curricula listed below, no further action is required at this time, and you may continue using it during the 2026/2027 program year. Each of these curricula and all curricula submitted through the [Resource Bank Submission Form](#) will undergo a thorough review in the fall of 2026 (which will include support from a workgroup of interest holders) in order to receive formal approval. Any curriculum currently on this list is subject to the outcome of that process. The list will continue to be updated at least quarterly moving forward.

Please note:

- The CDEC may contact you to understand how you implement the curriculum.
- All curricula on this list will undergo a final approval process during the 2026/2027 school year which will include a curriculum work group. Any curriculum currently on this list is subject to the outcome of that process.
- We will notify all providers when the pre-approved list is finalized. Additional curricula submitted after that date will be added to the list at least quarterly.
- Please note that the CDEC does not recommend any specific curriculum from the list below.

## Curricula List

### Status Legend

- Cleared For Use- This curriculum has been cleared for use in the 2026/2027 program year.
- Approved - This curriculum has completed our final approval process and is approved for ongoing use.

Comprehensive Published Curriculum	Status	Comprehensive Proprietary Curriculum	Status
Scholastic - Big Day for PreK	Cleared For Use ▾	Primrose Schools - Balanced Learning	Cleared For Use ▾
Kaplan Early Learning Company - Connect4Learning	Cleared For Use ▾	Ivy Brook Academy - Ivy Brook Academy Curriculum	Cleared For Use ▾

Core Knowledge Foundation - Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence 2023 Edition	Cleared For Use ▾	KinderCare - Early Foundations	Cleared For Use ▾
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation - Every Child Ready	Cleared For Use ▾	The Goddard School - Goddard School Curriculum	Cleared For Use ▾
Experience Early Learning - Experience Multi-Age	Cleared For Use ▾	Learning Care Group Curricula - Pathways Learning Academy	Cleared For Use ▾
Experience Early Learning - Experience Preschool	Cleared For Use ▾	The Learning Experience - The Learning Experience Academic Program (LEAP)	Cleared For Use ▾
Frog Street - Frog Street Pre-K	Cleared For Use ▾	Bright Horizons - World at Their Fingertips	Cleared For Use ▾
FunShine Express - FunShine Express Preschool	Cleared For Use ▾	Pre-Approved Locally Developed Curriculum	
Gee Whiz Education, LLC - GeeWhiz Education Family Child Care Curriculum	Cleared For Use ▾	If you choose to use a Locally Developed Curriculum, you must first submit it through the <a href="#">UPK Resource Bank Submission Form</a> for CDEC's review to confirm it meets all necessary requirements. Official approval from CDEC is required.	

Kaplan Early Learning Company - Learn Every Day	Cleared For Use ▾	
Learning Beyond Paper, Inc. - Learning Beyond Paper	Cleared For Use ▾	
Savvas Learning Company - Open the World of Learning (OWL)	Cleared For Use ▾	
Scholastic - Pre-K On My Way	Cleared For Use ▾	
Maine Department of Education - PreK for ME	Cleared For Use ▾	
Benchmark Education, Benchmark - Ready to Advance / Listos y Adelante	Cleared For Use ▾	
Teaching Strategies LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Pre-K	Cleared For Use ▾	

Teaching Strategies LLC - The Creative Curriculum for Preschool	Cleared For Use ▾	
HighScope Educational Research Foundation - The HighScope Preschool Curriculum	Cleared For Use ▾	
Robert-Leslie Publishing, LLC - The Investigator Club Prekindergarten Learning System	Cleared For Use ▾	
Tools of the Mind - Tools of the Mind Preschool	Cleared For Use ▾	
McGraw-Hill - World of Wonders	Cleared For Use ▾	

\*You can report a concern or request support regarding any accessibility need in the following ways:

- Email: [CDEC\\_ADA@state.co.us](mailto:CDEC_ADA@state.co.us)
- Phone: 720-947-5020