



An Early Learning Partnership is a collaboration between a LEA (Local Education Agency) and an ELP (Early Learning Program) Head Start to provide high quality pre-kindergarten for eligible children in Texas. These partnerships are created to address the needs of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) considering

the needs of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) considering the ability to bring a ban on child pre-kindergarten before establishing a new pre-kindergarten program. Further, (g) before an LEA may construct, lease, or use a facility for a classroom facility for pre-kindergarten and consider partnerships to provide child-care services. LEAs interested in participating in partnerships should contact the Texas Department of Education (TDE) regarding Early Learning Programs. LEAs may meet specific eligibility standards to ensure they are providing high quality pre-kindergarten for eligible children in Texas.



- Before an LEA can establish a new pre-kindergarten program, the ability to bring a ban on child pre-kindergarten is. TEC 29.1533



- Before an LEA may construct, repurpose, acquire, or lease a facility for a classroom facility for pre-kindergarten, the following conditions must be met:
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  - (3) are
  - (4) are
  - (5) meet



The eligibility criteria for Early Learning Programs depends on the age of the children served and the circumstances that necessitate a partnership.

- The program must meet a minimum compliance standard applicable to child-care licensing standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety and Regulatory Services under Section 42.042, Human Resources Code. [TEC Section 29.1532\(b\)](#)
  - This is the minimum standard, but is highly recommended in the event, LEAs choose to implement that meet an additional qualification as the listed for PK4 classes
  
- The program must be licensed by and in good standing with the Department of Family and Public Safety or the Department of Family and Public Safety if the department has taken an action against the provider licensing the 24-month program preceding the date of contact with a school district. The program must be:
    - accredited by each state-based, nationally recognized, and directly accessible accreditation agency approved by the commissioner
    - a Texas Rising Star Program provider
    - a Texas School Readiness participant
    - accredited by an organization recognized by the Texas State School Accreditation Commission; or
    - in an existing program in a school district or a pre-kindergarten program approved under this chapter [TEC 29.171\(b\)](#)
  - A pre-kindergarten program must meet the elements of HB3 High-Quality Pre-kindergarten Programs [TEC 29.171\(c\)](#)

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