



# VDOE-Approved Curriculum List for Birth to Five Programs

Using comprehensive, effective curricula helps support learning and development in all early childhood programs and settings. As of July 1, 2021, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will conduct comprehensive, expert-led reviews for all eligible birth to five programs.

If your program's curriculum is not on the VDOE-approved list, review the [VDOE Overview of the Curriculum Process for Practice Year 2](#) for more information on how to request a curriculum review.

Programs that do not have a VDOE-approved curriculum in place have multiples options for accessing a high-quality birth to five curriculum:

- Option 1: **Seek approval** for a curriculum your program already has in place
- Option 2: **Choose and use** one of the VDOE-approved curriculum options listed in the table below
  - There are two free/low-cost approved options:
    - STREAMing3 available for Virginia ECE programs
    - Early Learning Matters available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia

**The table below details all approved early childhood curricula as of March 15, 2023. This list will be updated monthly.**

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Ascend Curriculum: Pre-K			✓		
Ascend Curriculum: Fours			✓		
Ascend Curriculum: Threes		✓			
Ascend Curriculum: Twos		✓			
Ascend Curriculum: Toddlers		✓			
Beyond Cribs and Rattles (BCR) Comprehensive Program, 2nd Edition (2019)	✓	✓			
Big Day for PreK (**retired)			✓		✓
Blueprint			✓		
Brain Based Learning by Blue Ribbon Results			✓		
Callahan Education		✓	✓		
Childtime Empowered Child			✓		
Connect4Learning			✓		
Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence			✓		
Curiosity Corner, 2nd Edition			✓		
Early Learning Matters	✓	✓	✓		
Exceed Preschool Curriculum (4 year old)			✓		
Experience Early Learning/Mother Goose Time	✓	✓	✓		
Fairfax County Public Schools Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
Frog Street Infant	✓				
Frog Street Pre-K			✓		✓
Frog Street Threes			✓		✓
Frog Street Toddler		✓			

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Funnydaffer			✓		
FunShine Express	✓	✓	✓		✓
Get Set For School (Learning Without Tears)		✓	✓		
HighReach Learning	✓	✓	✓		
HighScope Preschool Curriculum			✓		
HighScope Infant-Toddler Curriculum	✓	✓			
Kiddie Academy Life Essentials	✓	✓	✓		
KinderCare			✓		✓
LaPetite Academy Early Innovators			✓		
Learn As We Grow (Early Preschool, 30 months to 42 months)			✓		
Learn Every Day			✓		
Learn Every Day: The Program for Infants, Toddlers and Twos, 2nd ed (LED ITT)	✓	✓			
Learn From the Start Twos (24 months to 36 months)		✓			
Learn From the Start Infants (6 weeks to 12 months)	✓				
Learn From the Start Toddlers (12 months to 24 months)		✓			
Learning Experience Academic Program (L.E.A.P.)	✓	✓	✓		
Montessori Birth Through Five Curriculum: Virginia Montessori Association	✓	✓	✓		
Opening the World of Learning (OWL) (**retired)			✓		✓
PLAYWORKS	✓	✓	✓		
PreK On My Way			✓		✓
Seedlings	✓	✓	✓		
STREAMing	✓	✓	✓		
The Creative Curriculum for Family Child Care, 3rd Edition				✓	✓
The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, 3rd Edition	✓	✓			✓
The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 6th edition			✓		✓
The Gee Whiz Curriculum for Family Child Care				✓	
The InvestiGator Club Family Child Care Program				✓	
The InvestiGator Club Just For Threes			✓		
The InvestiGator Club Little InvestiGators (Infants and Toddlers)	✓	✓			
The InvestiGator Club PreKindergarten Learning System			✓		✓
Three Cheers for Pre-K			✓		✓
Tools of the Mind			✓		
Virginia Beach Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
World of Wonders			✓		✓

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*
Abeka ( <i>anticipated Summer 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
Beautiful Beginnings: A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers ( <i>anticipated Fall 2024</i> )	✓	✓		
Carol's Affordable Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Creative Learning ( <i>anticipated Spring 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
Cuddlebugs Curriculum ( <i>anticipated Spring 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
Exceed Preschool Curriculum (3 year old)			✓	
Growing Up At Obici		✓	✓	
Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies ( <i>anticipated Summer 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
KinderCare Infant/Toddler ( <i>anticipated Spring 2023</i> )	✓	✓		
Learning Beyond Paper	✓	✓		
Pathways Curriculum ( <i>anticipated Spring 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	
Pinnacle Faith Based Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Pocket of Preschool			✓	
Venture Program (Primrose Balanced Learning) ( <i>anticipated Summer 2023</i> )		✓		
WEE Learn Curriculum ( <i>anticipated Spring 2023</i> )			✓	
Wonder Program (Primrose Balanced Learning) ( <i>anticipated Summer 2023</i> )	✓	✓	✓	

\*Family Day Home curricula are developed specifically for Family Day Home settings. Family Day Home providers may choose and use any Infant, Toddler, Preschool, or Family Day Home curriculum.

\*\*The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is extending a grace period to replace an already vetted, yet retired curriculum to impacted programs/school divisions through at least Fall 2025 (proposed date).

**Important to note:** Access to curriculum materials, resources and professional development is critical to effective curriculum implementation. Programs/divisions should consider whether they have the internal capacity to train and provide support in implementing a retired curriculum in their planning and decision making process for investing in a new, VDOE approved curriculum choice.

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