



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...



- Before an LEA can establish a new pre-kindergarten, the policy regarding the Head Start pre-kindergarten is. TEC 29.1533



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



The eligibility criteria for Early Learning Programs depends on the age of the children 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 not taken an action against the provider's licensing within the 24-month period 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 or a Texas Certificate of Higher Education
 - a Texas School Readiness participant
 - accredited by an organization recognized by the Texas Private Schools Accreditation Commission; or
 - in an eligible program as a school district or a pre-kindergarten program approved under this chapter [TEC 29.171\(b\)](#)
 - A pre-kindergarten program must meet the requirements of HB3 High-Quality Pre-kindergarten Programs [TEC 29.171\(c\)](#)

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