Your Student Information System

Preschool Coding for State Reporting:

And the Early Childhood Application

Determining the Grade Level

Preschool

• Assessed using GOLD
• Curriculum follows
  – IQPPS standards or
  – (NAEYC) National Association for Education of Young Children Accreditation or
  – (IHSPSS) Head Start Program Performance Standards
• Minimum 10 hours of education per week

Kindergarten

• Assessed using FAST or other Kindergarten Literacy Assessment
• Iowa Core
• Local school board determines Kindergarten calendar and the length of the Kindergarten day 281 – 12.1(11)
Multi-grade PK/KG Classrooms

• Just as an elementary school may serve multiple grades within the same classroom, so may an elementary school also serve preschool and kindergarten students in the same classroom.
• The teacher must teach each grade level according to the appropriate standards/curriculum for that grade level.
• Maximum class size is determined by the youngest student served in the room.

Grade Level Determination

• Any 3- or 4-year-old being served in a preschool program will have a grade level of PK.
• A 5-year-old being served in a kindergarten-only classroom must be 5 on or before 9/15 and will have a grade level of KG.
• A 5-year-old being served as a preschooler without an instructional IEP will have a grade level of PK and must be funded by some funding source (no state funding exists for non-kindergarten five-year-olds NOT on an instructional IEP).
• A 5-year-old served as a kindergartener in a multi-grade classroom will have a grade level of KG, will be funded as a 1.0 student, and must meet the educational expectations of any other kindergartener.
Kindergarten Requirements and Expectations

• 5 years of age on or before September 15
• Served in a district program (not a partnership program)
• Assessed using a kindergarten-approved early literacy assessment
• Taught using Iowa Core
• If the student meets the expectations for 1st grade at the end of the school year, the student will not repeat kindergarten next year.

Transitional/Jump-start Kindergarten, Begindergarten, etc.

• Are not supported by Iowa Code as Iowa Code recognizes a five-year-old as either being in kindergarten or pre-kindergarten.
• Pre-kindergarten is anything prior to kindergarten.
• 1.0 funding begins at kindergarten.
• If a parent does not wish their 5-year-old to be in kindergarten, then the student’s educational expenses must be paid from funds other than district funds.
Choices by Grade Level

- Preschool
  - SWVPP
  - Other district preschool program (i.e. Shared Visions)
  - 5-year-old preschool classroom (not 1.0 funded)
- Kindergarten (district program for 1.0 funding)
  - Kindergarten
  - Kindergarten integrated within a preschool classroom
  - Kindergarten with young 5-year-olds

THERE IS NO GRADE LEVEL BETWEEN PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PRESCHOOL) AND KINDERGARTEN.

Any five-year-old generating 1.0 funding this year and who remains in kindergarten next year will have been retained in kindergarten.
Changes to Certified Enrollment

- 5-year-olds identified with a grade level of KG will be included in Certified Enrollment.
- Only 5-year-olds with an instructional IEP and grade level of PK will be included in Certified Enrollment.
- No student with grade level KG and attending an off-site preschool will be included in Certified Enrollment.

Data Elements Required for Preschool State Reporting (PK):

- Preschool 1 Type
- Preschool 1 Hours
- Preschool 1 Session
- Preschool 2 Type
- Preschool 2 Hours
- Preschool 2 Session

PK Funded by:

- Early Childhood Iowa
- Head Start
- Shared Visions
- Title 1
- SWVPP
- Parent
- Other
Data Elements Required for Kindergarten State Reporting (KG):

- Preschool Attendance
- Kindergarten Literacy Assessment
  - KLA Score 1
  - KLA Score 2
  
  o If kindergarteners are assessed using FAST, no scores are to be reported to the state through SRI.
  
  o If kindergarteners are not assessed using FAST, the assessment must be a state-approved assessment and scores reported through SRI.
  
  o DIBELS is not approved for use in kindergarten.

Reporting for All:

- Free / Reduced Lunch status
- IEP status
- ELL status
  - PELL for grade level PK (Potential English Language Learner)
  - ELL in a program, ELL not in a program, transitional for grade level KG
- Immigrant status (ages 3 – 21)
- Daily Attendance
- Enrollment with correct entry and exit dates
What doesn’t work

- Inconsistency in enrollment and attendance reporting between the nonpublic school’s SWVPP program and the district’s reporting of that same program.
- No absences reported for SWVPP students (perfect attendance)

What Doesn’t Work (cont.)

- Marking all funding sources for a student (highly improbable)
- Not identifying the Shared Visions classrooms by properly marking the preschoolers as Funded by Shared Visions
SWVPP reporting

• Non-resident students may enroll in any SWVPP program.
  – Entry code 1 for all resident and only non-resident PK students not on an instructional IEP.
  – Proper resident district and resident county
  – All entry code/resident district checks are ignored for PK not on an instructional IEP.

• The only “missing active” PK students from last spring to this fall will be preschoolers with an instructional IEP.
  – No expectation that you report a last year’s PK student with exit information this fall.

Reporting Specifics

• Preschool Session ID
  – Found in the Early Childhood Application in the portal
  – Session Info must be updated and approved with a deadline of October 1
  – To view a recorded webinar on completing the Early Childhood Application, go to the DE website under Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program
  – Required for any student being served within the classroom that is also a SWVPP.
Reporting Specifics (cont.)

• Program 1 or 2 Hours are weekly instructional hours, excluding rest or lunch times
• Program 1 or 2 Type identifies the type of program the student is experiencing within the classroom.
  – If a 5-year-old is being taught using Iowa Core, taking an approved kindergarten literacy assessment (universal screener), and earning 1.0 funding, then grade level = KG, Program Type = 1 (kindergarten), even if the classroom is also serving as a SWVPP.
  – Session ID is required for any KG if being served in the SWVPP.

Additional Information

• 1.0 funded non-resident students fall under open enrollment and tuitioned in status
  – PK instructional IEP preschoolers
  – All 5-year-old students with grade level KG
• If the preschool begins at 8 am and ends at 3 pm, the daily hours is NOT 7 hours.
  – Remove rest time
  – Remove lunch time, if lunch is provided
  – Snack time CAN be included if part of the curriculum
  – Remove recess time, unless recess has been integrated into the curriculum AND the teacher is actively teaching/observing/assessing during that time.
Additional Information (cont.)

- Instructional hours do not include before-school and after-school child care.
- All students (PK and KG) in the SWVPP classroom must have the proper session ID.
- Last year’s preschoolers who are KG this year may need to have last year’s preschool data (type, hours, session ID) removed. You’ll know if you see errors in VRF.

A Closer Look at Coding Examples:

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The following districts have not yet completed the Early Childhood Application:

**Due Date: October 1**

- AGWSR
- Adel DeSoto Minburn
- Albia
- North Butler
- Andrew
- Aplington-Parkersburg
- Ar-We-Va
- Audubon
- BCLUW
- Bennett
- Boyden-Hull
- North Iowa
- CAM
- CAL
- Cardinal
- Central Lee
- Central DeWitt
- Central Decatur
- Charles City
- Cherokee
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- Clear Lake

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