

VDOE-Approved Early Childhood Curriculum

List for Birth to Five Programs



Using Comprehensive, effective curricula helps support learning and development in all early childhood programs and settings. The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) conducts comprehensive, expert-led reviews of comprehensive curriculum used in eligible birth to five programs.

The choice to use an approved curriculum in at least one classroom results in some additional points toward the VQB5 Quality Rating: however, using curriculum is not required for participation in VQB5 or required to receive a rating that meets expectations.

Programs that would like to use an approved curriculum have multiple options:

- Option 1: Choose and use one of the VDOE-approved early childhood curriculum options listed in the table below.
 - There are four free/low-cost approved options
 - STREAMin3 available for Virginia ECE programs.
 - Early Learning Matters available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia.
 - Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia.
 - Great First Eight (Infant/Toddler)
- Option 2: Seek approval for a curriculum your program already has in place. If your program’s curriculum is not on the VDOE-approved list, review the [VDOE Early Childhood Curriculum webpage](#) for more information on how to request a curriculum review.

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 curriculum in their planning and decision-making process for investing in a new, VDOE-approved curriculum choice. Programs should ensure that their curriculum selection meets funding requirements.

The table below, updated monthly, details all approved early childhood curricula as of November 6, 2024.

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
ABCJesusLovesMe	✓	✓	✓		
Ascend Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		

Beyond Cribs and Rattles (BCR) Comprehensive Program, 2nd Edition (2019)	✓	✓			
Big Day for PreK (**retired)			✓		✓
Blueprint			✓		
Brain Based Learning by Blue Ribbon Results			✓		
Brain Based Learning by Blue Ribbon Results (second edition)			✓		
Callahan Education		✓	✓		
Childtime Empowered Child			✓		
Connect4Learning			✓		
Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence			✓		
Creative Learning (TEE Spot)	✓	✓	✓		
Creative World School: 3 Es Foundation of Excellence	✓	✓	✓		
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	✓	✓	✓		✓
Funnydaffer	✓	✓	✓		
Lillio Learning (formerly FunShine Express)	✓	✓	✓		✓
Get Set for School (Learning Without Tears)		✓	✓		
Golden Path Sterling Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
Great First Eight (Infant/Toddler)	✓	✓			
HighReach Learning	✓	✓	✓		

HighScope	✓	✓	✓		
InvestiGator Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kiddie Academy Life Essentials	✓	✓	✓		
Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academies	✓	✓	✓		
KinderCare	✓	✓	✓		✓
LaPetite Academy Early Innovators			✓		
Learn As We Grow			✓		
Learn Every Day	✓	✓	✓		
Learn From the Start	✓	✓			
Learning Beyond Paper	✓	✓	✓		✓
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			✓		✓
Primrose® Balanced Learning®	✓	✓	✓		
Ready to Advance (Benchmark)			✓		
Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center, Inc.	✓	✓	✓		
Seedlings	✓	✓	✓		
STREAMin3	✓	✓	✓		✓
The Creative Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Gee Whiz Curriculum for Family Child Care				✓	
Three Cheers for Pre-K			✓		✓
Tools of the Mind			✓		
Virginia Beach Pre-K Curriculum			✓		

Wonder of Learning (Goddard School)	✓	✓	✓		
World at Their Fingertips (Bright Horizons)	✓	✓	✓		
World of Wonders			✓		✓

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*
Abeka	✓	✓	✓	
Beautiful Beginnings: A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	✓	✓		
Exceed Preschool Curriculum (3 year old)			✓	
Great First Eight (PreK)			✓	
Jamie Mintz Homegrown Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
Learning Box Preschool			✓	
Lisa Good’s Just Montessori Cultural Curriculum			✓	
Lovely Commotion Preschool Resources			✓	
Pinnacle (secular)	✓	✓	✓	
Pocket of Preschool			✓	
Pozez JCC of Northern Virginia Homegrown Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	
STEM Preschool Learning		✓	✓	
WEE Learn Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	

*Family Day Home curricula are developed specifically for Family Day Home settings. Family Day Home programs 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).

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