

▲ PK Experience Code**Required:** Fall, SPR, EOY **Format:** numeric **Maximum Length:** 2

The PK Experience Code identifies the current or most recent PK (pre-kindergarten) experience of PK and kindergarten students. Students currently enrolled in pre-kindergarten or junior kindergarten programs (JK) that are locally, state, or federally funded are reported. If a PK or JK program is affiliated with the Local Educational Agency, the students of that program are included on the Student Record Collection.

Preschool and childcare programs are the initial stage of organized instruction that introduces very young children to a school-type environment. Such programs include preschool, pre-kindergarten, junior kindergarten, nursery school, childcare in center-based programs, and childcare provided by licensed in-home providers. Kindergarten children who attended no formal or institutional PK program also need to be identified for the Student Record Collection.

The codes for the PK Experience are listed in a hierarchical order. For each PK, JK or kindergarten student choose the first applicable PK Experience Code from the following list. The code should reflect the child's current PK or JK experience or the kindergarten student's most recent PK experience from the following list of State assigned codes.

Codes for PK Experience

20 = Coordinated Pre-kindergarten Classroom. The program coordinates funds from two or more federal, state, and local government grant programs, such as Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI), Title I, and Head Start. The program meets the guidelines for the respective funding sources.

21 = Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). The classroom is funded by state grants and local matching funds under the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) for at-risk four-year-olds, and meets VPI program requirements. The program may be operated by a school division, community agency, or independent contractor. The program does not rely on funds other than state VPI funds and the required local match.

22 = Title I Pre-kindergarten. The program meets Title I program requirements and uses Title I federal funds and

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necessary matching funds or in-kind provisions. The program does not rely on funds coordinated from other pre-kindergarten programs.

23 = Head Start. The program meets Head Start program requirements and is funded by Head Start and necessary matching funds or in-kind provisions. The program may be operated by a school division, community agency, or independent contractor. The program does not rely on funds coordinated from other pre-kindergarten programs.

30 = Coordinated Special Education. The student spends part of the day in a preschool special education program and part of the day in a pre-kindergarten program for non-disabled peers such as: VPI, Title I, Head Start, or child daycare provided by a private provider.

31 = Special Education Only. The student is served in a preschool program that serves only students with disabilities or developmental delays. The student does not participate in a coordinated special education program, in which part of the day is spent in a program for non-disabled peers.

40 = Government - Tuition Charged. The student is served in a pre-kindergarten or child day-care program operated by a government agency, such as a school division or the Department of Defense, in which a tuition fee is charged to the parent/legal guardian. This includes programs in which tuition is charged on a sliding scale.

50 = Private Provider. The student is served by a preschool, child daycare, or other program provided by a private provider. This includes programs for-profit and non-profit providers, including faith-based programs and commercial day-care centers.

51 = Licensed Family Home Provider. The student is served by a preschool or child daycare provided in a home where the provider is licensed by the state of Virginia (or other state in which the program operates).

60 = No Formal or Institutional PK Program. The student was at home with a caregiver or in the home of another caregiver who was not licensed by the state of Virginia (or other state in which the program operates).

61 = Other. The student attended a preschool or child day-care program that does not fall into any of the above categories. If a child attended a combination of any of the above programs one of the above programs must be selected as the primary provider. Do not use "other".

Edit checks for PK Experience Codes

- Must be valid state assigned code.
- Student must be in grade PK, JK, KG, KA, KP, or T1.
- If PK Experience Code = 50, 51, or 60 grade cannot be PK.

Notes:

- For the 2006-2007 school year, the data in this field will be required for all PK or JK students beginning on the Spring Student Record Collection.
- Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, this data element will be required for all students in grades PK, JK, KG, KA, and KP, or T1.
- For PK or JK students, the data collected should reflect the student's current experience.
- For kindergarten or T1 students, the data collected should reflect the most recent PK experience, within the year prior to kindergarten.
- For PK or JK students, the data collected should reflect the PK experience as of the SRC collection date.

▲ PK Weekly Time Code

Required: FALL, SPR, EOY **Format:** numeric **Maximum Length:** 2

The PK Weekly Time Code represents the average amount of time the student spends each week in the program specified by the PK Experience Code.

Codes for PK Weekly Time

1 = less than 15 hours per week

15 = 15 hours or more but less than 30 hours per week

30 = 30 or more hours per week

Edit checks for valid PK Weekly Time Code

- Must be a valid state assigned code.
- Required if student is in grades PK, JK, KG, KA, KP, or T1.

Notes:

- For the 2006-2007 school year, the data in this field will be required for all PK students beginning on the Spring Student Record Collection.
- Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, this data element will be required for all students in grades PK, JK, KG, KA, and KP, or T1.
- For PK and JK students, the number of hours per week should reflect the student's current PK experience.

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- For kindergarten or T1 students, the number of hours per week should reflect the most recent PK experience, within the year prior to kindergarten.