

# 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 available nationally to ECE programs, including programs in Virginia.
- 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 April 24, 2026.

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

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Benchmark Ready to Advance			✓		✓
Beyond Cribs and Rattles (BCR) Comprehensive Program, 2nd Edition (2019)	✓	✓			
Blueprint			✓		
Brain Based Learning by Blue Ribbon Results (second edition)			✓		
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Callahan Education		✓	✓		
Childtime Empowered Child			✓		
Circle Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		✓
Connect4Learning, 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition			✓		✓
Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence		✓	✓		
Creative Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Creative Learning (TEE Spot)	✓	✓	✓		
Creative World School: 3 Es Foundation of Excellence	✓	✓	✓		
Curiosity Corner, 2nd Edition			✓		
Early Learning Matters	✓	✓	✓		
Exceed Preschool Curriculum			✓		
Experience Early Learning	✓	✓	✓		✓
Fairfax County Public Schools Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
Frog Street	✓	✓	✓		✓
Funnydaffer			✓		
Gee Whiz Curriculum for Family Child Care	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Approved Curriculum	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Get Set for School (Learning Without Tears)		✓	✓		✓
Golden Path Sterling Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
Great First Eight	✓	✓	✓		
HighReach Learning	✓	✓	✓		
HighScope	✓	✓	✓		
InvestiGator Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kiddie Academy Life Essentials	✓	✓	✓		
Kids 'R' Kids First Class Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
KinderCare	✓	✓	✓		✓
LaPetite Academy Early Innovators			✓		
LeafSpring Schools PLAYWORKS	✓	✓	✓		
Learn As We Grow		✓	✓		
Learn Every Day	✓	✓	✓		
Learn From the Start for Infants	✓				
Learning Beyond Paper	✓	✓	✓		✓
Learning Experience Academic Program (L.E.A.P.)	✓	✓	✓		
Lillio Learning	✓	✓	✓		
Montessori Birth Through Five Curriculum: Virginia Montessori Association	✓	✓	✓		
PreK On My Way			✓		✓
Primrose® Balanced Learning®	✓	✓	✓		
Robert E. Simon Jr. Children's Center, Inc.	✓	✓	✓		
Seedlings	✓	✓	✓		

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STREAMin3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TeachTown Pre-K			✓		
Three Cheers for Pre-K			✓		✓
Tools of the Mind			✓		✓
Virginia Beach Pre-K Curriculum			✓		
WEE Learn Curriculum			✓		
Wonder of Learning (Goddard School)	✓	✓	✓		
World at Their Fingertips (Bright Horizons)	✓	✓	✓		
World of Wonders			✓		✓

Curriculum options submitted to VDOE remain “pending review” until the VQB5 curriculum review process is complete. See [VQB5 Curriculum FAQ](#) for details.

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Abeka	✓	✓	✓		
Ascend	✓				
Beautiful Beginnings: A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers	✓	✓			
Building Kidz Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
Consensus Curriculum for the Diocese of Richmond		✓	✓		
Kids’ First Years Connect and Learn with the Basics: A Family Child Care Curriculum	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Links to Learning			✓		
Lisa Good’s Just Montessori Cultural Curriculum			✓		

Pending Review	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	Family Day Home*	Spanish Translation Available
Lovely Commotion Preschool Resources			✓		
Pinnacle (secular)	✓	✓	✓		
Pocket of Preschool			✓		
Pozez JCC of Northern Virginia Homegrown Curriculum	✓	✓	✓		
Sparks To Ignition	✓	✓	✓		
St. Thomas UMC Homegrown		✓	✓		
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.

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