FTE: Unique Preschool Reporting Issues
Reporting Enrollment in FTE for Preschoolers
Pre-K Enrollment

• Pre-K served in the LEA, community, private preschool (not school) or home
  • Served under an IEP
  • **MUST BE Reported with an enrollment record**

• Pre-K special education students served in a private school *(must meet the definition of a school)* and the parent rejected the offer of FAPE
  • Served under an SP
  • **Not reported with an enrollment record**
  • May be entered in the SIS and state-excluded
  • Note: Pre-K can not be homeschooled in GA
Requiring Birth Certificate…

Board Rule 160-5-1-.28 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND WITHDRAWAL.

3. Provisional Enrollment.

The LEA must provisionally enroll the student and give parent, guardian, or other person in control or charge of a child a minimum of 30 days to satisfy all of the documentation requirements. LEAs should still work to get all documentation during school normal registration periods and provisional enrollment should be implemented as an exception rather than as a rule.

It should be implemented in instances where the parent, guardian, grandparent, or other person needs additional time to procure certain documents or evidence. For example, if the LEA has adopted rules and policies requiring the other person enrolling a student to obtain guardianship, the LEA must still enroll the student under this provisional enrollment provision while the other person pursues guardianship in probate court.

An LEA may request a GTID prior to enrollment.
Requesting a GTID

• An LEA may request a GTID for a student as young as 2 ½.

• A GTID may be requested prior to the student enrolling in the LEA.
Definition: Grade Codes

- **PK** = Preschool or Pre-Kindergarten, child is 2, 3, 4, or 5 years old
- **K** = Kindergarten, In GA, a child must be 5 by Sept 1 to be in grade K
- **UK** = Underage Kindergarten, child is in Kindergarten but not 5 years old
- **U1** = Underage 1st grader, child is in 1st grade but not 6 years old
Reporting Preschool FTE

- Preschool students in general education do not earn FTE funding
- Preschool SWD do not earn FTE funding for special education services
- Preschool special education services are funded by State and Federal Preschool Grants
- Segments for SWD in Preschool are reported during FTE for informational purposes
Preschool SWD FTE; Grade Level = PK

Enrolled in the LEA

• **General education** segments:
  • Report with Program CODE = “O” (Other, Nonfunded)

• **Special education** segments:
  • Report with Program Code corresponding to their Primary Area (P – 3). These segments are also not funded through FTE.
Preschool SWD FTE; Grade Level = PK

Receive special education services in a community based preschool setting (including Head Start, GA Pre-K, non-public preschools, service provider locations, residential settings or home).

- **General education** segments:
  - Report with Program CODE = “O” (Other, Nonfunded)

- **Special education** segments:
  - Report with Program Code corresponding to their Primary Area (P – 3)
Age 5 Special Education

• Student, age 5 whose **GRADE LEVEL = ‘PK’**
  • **Do not** earn FTE funds.
  • Report general education segments with Program Code = “O” (Other, Nonfunded)
  • Report special education segments with code corresponding to Primary Area
  • Report with an Early Childhood Environment for Federal Child Count

• Student, age 5, whose **GRADE LEVEL = ‘K’**
  • **Do** earn FTE funds
  • Report general education segments with appropriate general education Program Code (A = Kindergarten)
  • Report special education segments with code corresponding to Primary Area
  • **NEW:** 5 year olds in grade K must be reported with a School-age Environment Code for Federal Child Count
Age 6 or older Special Education

• Students, age 6 or older whose GRADE LEVEL = ‘PK’
  • Do not earn FTE funds.
  • Report general education segments with Program Code = “O” (Other, Nonfunded)
  • Report special education segments with code corresponding to Primary Area
  • Students in PK who are 6 or older are reported with School-age Environment Code for Federal Child Count
  • Question: Why are these students still in PK? Contact GaDOE if you would like to discuss this.
SDD Eligibility

Significant Developmental Delay

• A delay in a child’s development in adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, motor development or emotional development…

• Must be established on or before the child’s 7th birthday

• May be used for children from age 2 through 9
  • until the end of the school year in which the child turns 9
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