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Preschool Outcome Data

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Preschool Outcomes Indicator 7 (SPP/APR)

Percent of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who demonstrate improved:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

Preschool Outcomes Defined

Three outcomes are considered critical to children becoming active and successful participants across a variety of settings:

Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships). Making new friends and learning to get along with others is an important accomplishment of the early childhood years. This outcome involves relating to adults, relating to other children, and for older children, following rules related to groups or interacting with others. The outcome includes concepts and behaviors such as attachment/separation/autonomy, expressing emotions and feelings, learning rules and expectations in social situations, and social interactions and social play.

Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy). The knowledge and skills acquired in the early childhood years, such as those related to communication, pre-literacy, and pre-numeracy, provide the foundation for success in kindergarten and the early school years. This outcome involves activities such as thinking, reasoning, remembering, problem solving, number concepts, counting, and understanding the physical and social worlds. It also includes a variety of skills related to language and literacy including vocabulary, phonemic awareness, and letter recognition.

Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. This outcome involves behaviors such as taking care of basic needs, getting from place to place, using tools (such as forks, toothbrushes, and crayons), and, in older children, contributing to their own health, safety, and well-being. It also includes integrating motor skills to complete tasks; taking care of personal needs in areas like dressing, feeding, grooming, and toileting; and acting on the world in socially appropriate ways to get what one wants.

Preschool Outcomes Calculation

Outcomes:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

Progress categories for A, B and C:

a. Percent of preschool children who did not improve functioning = [(# of preschool children who did not improve functioning) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.

- b. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning but not sufficient to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- c. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- d. Percent of preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to sameaged peers = [(# of preschool children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.
- e. Percent of preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers = [(# of preschool children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers) divided by (# of preschool children with IEPs assessed)] times 100.

Summary Statements for Each of the Three Preschool Outcomes:

Summary Statement 1:

Of those preschool children who entered the preschool program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

Measurement for Summary Statement 1:

Percent = # of preschool children reported in progress category (c) plus # of preschool children reported in category (d) divided by [# of preschool children reported in progress category (a) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (b) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (c) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (d)] times 100.

Summary Statement 2:

The percent of preschool children who were functioning within age expectations in each Outcome by the time they turned 6 years of age or exited the program.

Measurement for Summary Statement 2:

Percent = # of preschool children reported in progress category (d) plus # of preschool children reported in progress category (e) divided by [the total # of preschool children reported in progress categories (a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e)] times 100.

Collecting Preschool Outcome Data

The GADOE collects summary data from each LEA. LEAs are required to collect and maintain student level data. The Special Education Division provides a template with directions for LEAs to use to assist in the collection of these data. Please maintain the data for at least 3 years.

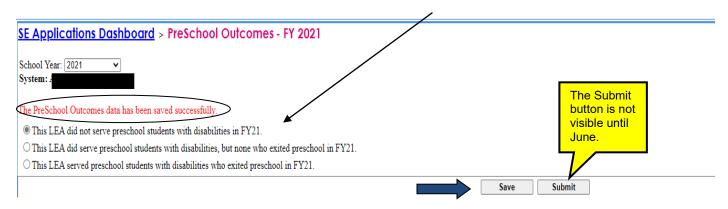
The template is located on the <u>Data Presentations</u>, <u>Recordings</u>, <u>and Documents (gadoe.org)</u> website or the <u>Preschool Special Education (gadoe.org)</u> website.

Entering Data for Preschool Outcomes

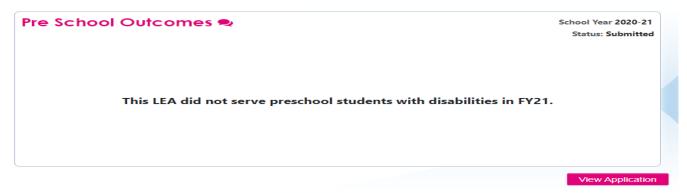
- Log into the MyGADOE Portal and select the SE Applications Dashboard
- Locate the Pre School Outcomes tile shown below on the landing page of the SE Applications
 - Select View Application at the bottom of the tile



Choose one of the three radio buttons shown below that appear inside the application.

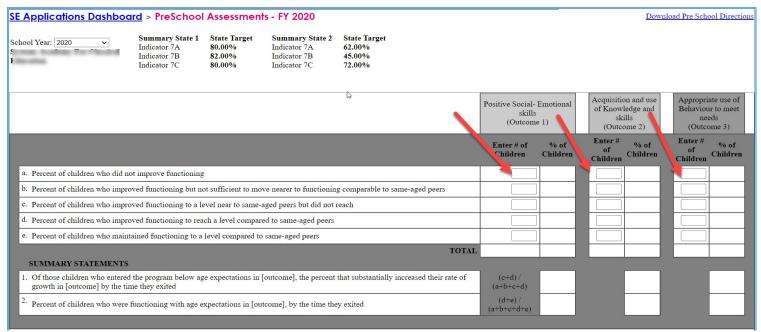


- If the first or second radio buttons are chosen, click Save and your response will be saved, and the message circled above will appear. If you chose the third button (served preschool) see pg. 5.
- The Submit button will not appear until June. When it appears, click Submit.
- The Pre School tile will then display a message that no preschool students were served by the LEA.

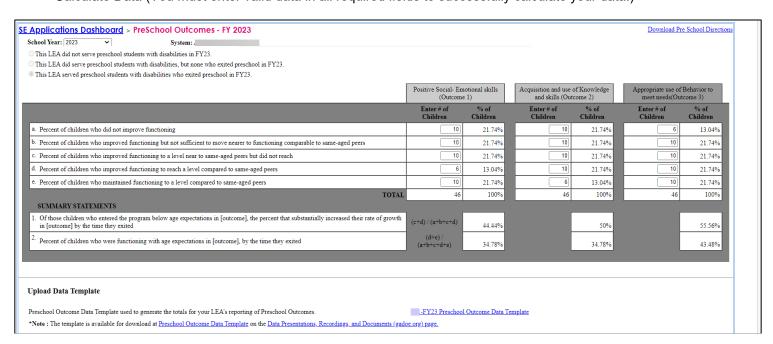


Directions for LEAs serving preschool students exiting preschool

If your LEA served students who exited preschool, select the third radio button, and save. The template for data entry will appear as shown below.



- Enter Data the Number of Children for each category a through e for each Outcome. (If necessary, you should review reporting requirements provided by the Preschool Program Office.)
- Save Data (You may save data multiple times and complete data entry in more than session.)
- Calculate Data (You must enter valid data in all required fields to successfully calculate your data.)

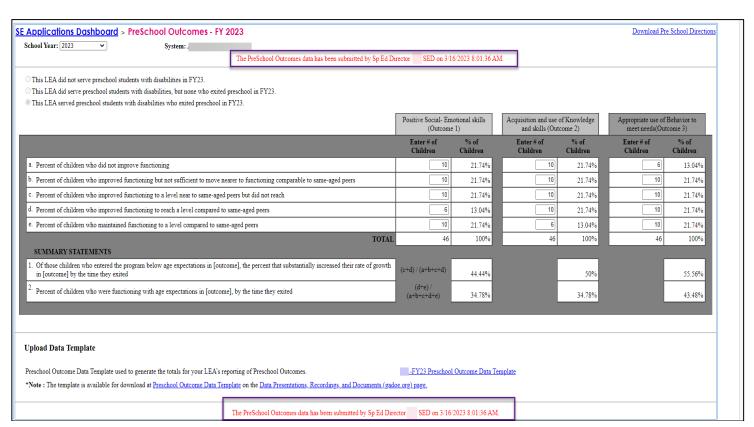


Below the Data Entry Template there is a location to Upload the Pre School Outcome Template

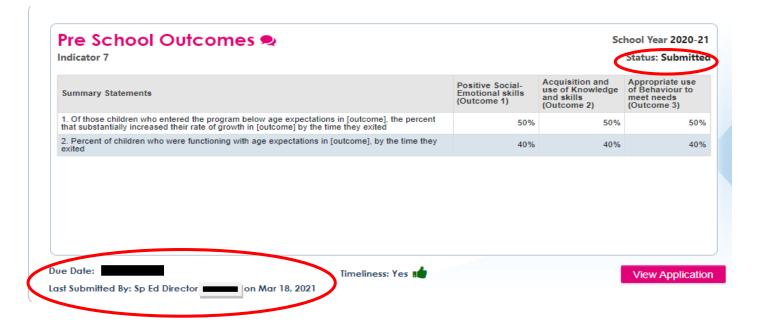
- Select the Choose File button.
- Browse and select the excel Child Outcomes Template used to enter the data.
- Upload the Child Outcomes Template excel. Important- only an excel format file can be uploaded!
- After uploading the file, select the statement: "I certify the accuracy of this data."
- Finally, select the save and then submit button.



After submitting as indicated above, the inside of the Pre School Outcomes tile will indicate submission, as shown below.



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Reasons for Exiting Preschool and submitting data:

- Child is 6 years of age.
- Child is leaving Preschool and entering Kindergarten next school year.
- Child has moved out of STATE.
- Child no longer requires special education services.
- Child is deceased.

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