

CHILD CARE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE APPLICATION

The Louisiana Department of Education is committed to supporting teachers in publicly-funded classrooms to increase their effectiveness in providing high-quality instruction. Type III child care centers may purchase a Tier 1 curriculum and be reimbursed for a portion of the cost. Please follow the steps below to receive your reimbursement.

- **Step 1** - Purchase Tier 1 curriculum
- **Step 2** - Contact your local [Child Care Resource & Referral](#) agency
- **Step 3** - Follow up with training and curriculum implementation
- **Step 4** - Train teachers on curriculum
- **Step 5** - Enter curriculum information into Teachings Strategies *GOLD* system

***NOTE:** If your purchase is less than \$5,000, you will receive a reimbursement of 80% of your total purchase cost (ex. total purchase is \$3,500 – you will receive a reimbursement of \$2,800). If your purchase is over \$5,000, you will receive a maximum reimbursement of \$4,000 (ex. total purchase is \$7,000 – you will receive a reimbursement of \$4,000)

Name of Child Care Center:		
Does child care center serve children with disabilities? Check one: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Physical Address of Center:		
License #:	Site Code:	Email Address:
Mailing Address of Center (if different from physical):		
Name of Owner:		
Name of Director (if different from owner):		
Primary Contact Name & Title:		Telephone:
Resource & Referral Agency:		
Total Amount of Receipt(s):		

Please indicate the number of [Tier 1 curricula](#) purchased from the list below (maximum of two curriculum kits):

Infant/Toddler (Ages 0-3)	Preschool (Ages 3-4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog Street Infant (Frog Street Press)	<input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint for Early Literacy (Children’s Literacy Initiative)
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog Street Toddler (Frog Street Press)	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop, Inspire, Grow (DIG) (Frog Street Press)
<input type="checkbox"/> Learn Every Day, the Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos (Kaplan Early Learning Co.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Frog Street Threes and/or Pre-K (Frog Street Press)
<input type="checkbox"/> Little InvestiGators (Robert-Leslie Publishing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Big Day for Pre-K (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
<input type="checkbox"/> The Creative Curriculum® (Teaching Strategies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Connect4Learning - Preschool (Kaplan Early Learning Co.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Opening the World of Learning, OWL (Pearson)
	<input type="checkbox"/> InvestiGator Club (Robert-Leslie Publishing)
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Creative Curriculum® (Teaching Strategies)
	<input type="checkbox"/> We Can Early Learning Curriculum (Voyager Sopris Learning)

CHILDCARE CURRICULUM ASSURANCES FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

I have demonstrated commitment to providing high quality care and instruction by purchasing and using a Tier 1 curriculum reviewed by the Louisiana Department of Education.

I will be reimbursed for 80% (*maximum \$4,000*) of the cost of my purchase of up to two Tier 1 curricula if I agree to the following assurances:

- ✓ Beginning July 1, 2020, purchase and use a [Tier 1 curriculum](#) on the list of curricula reviewed by the Louisiana Department of Education.
- ✓ Receive partial reimbursement for the purchase of up to two Tier 1 curriculum kits through the [Child Care Curriculum Initiative](#).
- ✓ Complete an application for the curriculum grant with required documentation and invoice receipts, and submit to my [Child Care Resource & Referral](#) agency prior to June 1, 2021.
- ✓ Maintain Academic Approval and remain a Type III center through June 30, 2021.
- ✓ Ensure the child care director and all lead and assistant teachers receive a general training on curriculum implementation through my local [Child Care Resource & Referral](#) agency.
- ✓ Complete an Implementation Plan for each Tier 1 curriculum kit purchased.
- ✓ Share progress and insights on curriculum use at Early Childhood Network meetings and with feeder public schools.
- ✓ Participate in any follow-up activities or reports for the state.

I understand and agree to the above requirements. I also understand that my center will receive the highest curriculum rating on its 2020-2021 Site-Level Performance Profile if a Tier 1 curriculum is fully implemented prior to May 31, 2021. I am aware that all documentation I submit to my Child Care Resource and Referral agency regarding the Child Care Curriculum Initiative is subject to federal and state audits.

Please Note: Failure to perform or comply with any of these assurances may lead to the repossession of the purchased Tier 1 curricula.

Signature of Owner: X	Date:
Signature of Director: X	Date:

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Date Received:	_____
Date Reviewed:	_____
Date Reimbursed:	_____
Amount of Reimbursement:	_____

CHILD CARE CURRICULUM INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Center:	License:
Director:	Site Code:
Name of Person Completing Form:	Date:

PART I: *If this is your first purchase of Tier 1 curricula through the Child Care Curriculum Initiative, please respond to the following questions in Part I giving specifics of who, what, when and how. If this is your second time purchasing Tier 1 curriculum, please complete both Part I and Part II.*

Questions	Describe your actions in response to all questions.	What are your targeted dates around your actions?	How will you evaluate the progress and effectiveness of your actions?
1. How will you introduce the Tier 1 curriculum to your teachers? (Answer if this is your first curriculum purchase)			
2. How will you get new teachers trained on the Tier 1 curriculum and how will you provide ongoing training for your teachers on the use of the Tier 1 curriculum?			
3. How will you monitor your teachers' use of the Tier 1 curriculum?			
4. How will you assist teachers in aligning the Tier 1 curriculum with CLASS®?			
5. How will you assist teachers in aligning the Tier 1 curriculum with GOLD®?			

PART II: *If you have previously purchased a Tier 1 curricula through the Child Care Curriculum Initiative, please respond to the following questions giving specifics of who, what, when and how.*

Questions	Describe your actions in response to all questions.	What are your targeted dates around your actions?	How will you evaluate the progress and effectiveness of your actions?
MATERIALS AND ENVIRONMENT			
<p>1. What will you do to ensure your classrooms are arranged so that teachers can implement a curriculum successfully?</p>			
<p>2. How will you determine what materials your teachers will need to implement the Tier 1 curriculum successfully?</p>			
<p>3. Over time, how will you assess whether additional materials or replacements are needed to support the use of a Tier 1 curriculum?</p>			

Questions	Describe your actions in response to all questions.	What are your targeted dates around your actions?	How will you evaluate the progress and effectiveness of your actions?
APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTATION			
4. How will you as the program's leader support the implementation of a Tier 1 curriculum?			
5. How will you ensure there are procedures and timelines for planning, evaluation, and reflection?			
6. How will you schedule coaching for your teachers?			
7. How will you set aside time for your teachers to share strategies from trainings with their peers?			
8. Based on your previous implementation of Tier 1 curriculum, what will you do differently?			