

TARGETED PREKINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW

2021-2022 Award List:

BOCES	TOTAL GRANT	PROJECT #	REQUIRED # OF SESSIONS
Herkimer BOCES	\$435,052	0400-22-1152	7.5
Madison-Oneida BOCES	\$518,388	0400-22-1237	7.5
Questar III BOCES	\$349,557	0400-22-2503	6.0
	\$1,302,997		

A half-day class counts as 1.0 session and a full-day class counts as 2.0 sessions. Please feel free to contact the New York State Education Department's Office of Early Learning if you have questions regarding the number of sessions that your organization is offering.

Each session will serve a minimum of 16 children, with a maximum group size of 20 children. For classes of up to 18 students, there must be one teacher and one paraprofessional in the classroom. For classes of 19 or 20 students, there must be one teacher and two paraprofessionals. When Targeted Prekindergarten (TPK) students are co-located with special class integrated setting (SC/IS) students, the group size is the combined total of the TPK students and the SC/IS students.

Services are to be provided in accordance with the approved application and Subpart 151-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner. The final approval of the Targeted Prekindergarten application and grant amount will be based upon Department review of the proposed budget (FS-10) to ensure that proposed expenditures are allowable. All grants are subject to further review, monitoring, and audit to ensure compliance. The Department has the right to recoup funds if the approved activities are not preformed and/or the funds are expended inappropriately.

Children enrolled in the TPK program must meet the economically-disadvantaged eligibility requirements of Section 151-2.2(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner. This section defines "economically-disadvantaged" as "a child whose family is eligible for some form of assistance such as Aid to Families of Dependent Children, free and reduced price school lunch, food stamps, Medicaid, unemployment compensation or disability compensation".

In addition, Section 151-2.5(1) of the Regulations of the Commissioner states "that at least 80 percent of the prekindergarten children served by the program are economically-disadvantaged or that all interested and eligible economically-disadvantaged children residing in the area served by the program will be served by the program." Only when all applicants for enrollment meeting these criteria have been enrolled can the grantee enroll children from other interested families. When selecting children from other interested families for enrollment, the grantee must take into consideration the economic status of such families and should enroll those determined as the neediest children coming from low income, working families.