



## **Teacher Release Time Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **Is release time covered in school year 2021-22?**

Yes! Release time can be invoiced for up to 28 days per school year per preschool teacher.

### **Who is eligible for release time?**

Teachers who are part of a Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) or Pathway agency.

### **Are Birth-to-Three providers eligible for release time?**

Yes! Birth-to-Three providers who are enrolled in a Birth-to-Three cohort may invoice for up to 15 days of release time.

### **Who submits the release time form?**

The director or supervisor should submit the release time form.

### **What trainings are eligible for release time?**

All DEEL-hosted training during work hours is eligible for release time. Due to COVID-19, during the 2021-22 school year, we will approve release time for evening and weekend trainings at the teacher's regular hourly rate. We are not able to pay for overtime.

### **What about trainings that are not DEEL-hosted?**

DEEL will approve release time (within the limits defined above) for training that is hosted by other organizations if it falls into one of the following categories:

- ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE
- Specialized/focused content areas such as: race and social justice; trauma; inclusion; and social-emotional learning.
- Curriculum and/or assessment training such as: HighScope, Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies GOLD, ECERS, and CLASS.

Training outside of these categories must be pre-approved by DEEL on a case-by-case basis.

### **Are virtual trainings eligible?**

Yes! Virtual trainings that are delivered in a **live setting** are eligible for release time.