



**Seattle Preschool Program Request for Qualification
School Year 2026-27**

**Questions and Answers
Updated: 11/26/25**

#	Question(s)	Answer(s)	Date Received	Date Answered
1	Before we assume we are generally ineligible, can you clarify: • Whether alternative assessment tools like COR Advantage are eligible • How DEEL determines alignment for both curriculum and assessments • If there's a rubric, crosswalk, or any guidance we can use to evaluate our current systems ahead of applying	• Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) is the official assessment for SPP and must be used by all providers. • Providers using high-quality, evidence-based curriculum must have intensive plans for coaching, training and assessment as DEEL may not offer comprehensive supports for curricula that is not High Scope or Creative Curriculum. A waiver for a different curriculum may be approved if the provider "uses a specific evidence-based, validated curriculum that's aligned with best practices in the field, and that focuses on teaching/improving a specific outcome (literacy, math, SEL)... [and] Uses continuous quality improvement to evaluate its effectiveness in meeting educational goals." TSG is a required assessment. • Table 1 in the RFQ Release document would be a helpful checklist of sorts to confirm if current systems would meet future SPP requirements. A more substantial review/comparison could be conducted by reviewing the SPP Manual, however it's a very detailed operational manual, rather than a rubric to compare against.	11/21	11/26



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2	We are currently located in 98178 Unincorporated King County and therefore have not qualified to participate in SPP in the past. If something has changed regarding the geographical location of our center please let us know and we'd be happy to apply.	Providers are not required to be located in Seattle to be eligible for this RFQ. However, the children enrolled in their program are expected to meet SPP eligibility criteria which includes Seattle residency. SPP Providers must also have an active Seattle business license upon contracting.	11/21	11/26
3	We are interested in starting the preschool program. I would like to know what are the next steps.	Please visit the SPP Funding site: https://www.seattle.gov/education/for-providers/funding-opportunities/2026-27-spp-rfq From there, review the Release document for eligibility and program requirements: https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/DEEL/FundingOpportunities/RFQs/2025/26-27_SPP_%20RFQ_Release.pdf To apply, create an account in Submittable and submit the listed forms (use the Release document for instructions): https://seattledeed.submittable.com/submit	11/24	11/26