

Updated 2020 Curriculum Reimbursement Questions & Answers



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Can you please repeat the deadline dates for reimbursement and amounts?

Providers who purchase materials between February 1, 2020 and August 1, 2020, are eligible to receive up to a \$2,000 reimbursement. Providers who purchase between August 2nd and September 30, 2020, are eligible to receive up to a \$1,500 reimbursement.

Do we apply for the reimbursement?

Yes, we will provide instruction for submitting invoices, packing slips and proof of purchase documentation in order to receive reimbursement.

Is the reimbursement only for school readiness providers?

Yes, reimbursement is only for current School Readiness providers and for birth to five (Pre-K) classrooms.

What will determine the "up to" factor in the reimbursement?

Providers will be reimbursed for the lesser value of 1) the full cost of curriculum purchased or 2) up to the full reimbursement amount available if the curriculum purchased exceeds it. Reimbursement is per program location.

What if you are a large family childcare with two classes?

Reimbursement is per program location and not per classroom.

What is the eligibility criteria for reimbursement? You said, "eligible up to"?

Providers must be serving children birth to five with a current 20/21 School Readiness contract (or 19/20 extension). Providers must be purchasing an approved curriculum package from the [School Readiness 2020 approved curriculum list](#).

What if only private children are served at my site?

Providers must be serving children birth to five with a current 20/21 School Readiness contract (or 19/20 extension). For specific questions regarding your site, please reach out to Erin Gallagher at erin.gallagher@elcpalmbeach.org.

Will ELC offer any reimbursement for Frog Street curriculum?

If the provider purchases any approved curriculum within the required time frame, meets the contract eligibility requirements and can submit documentation, they will be reimbursed the allowable amount.

School Readiness requires us to change curriculum from birth to 5 so if I am choosing to change the entire curriculum will I be paying from my pocket for toddlers and two's?

This program is designed to help reimburse a portion of the cost of curriculum purchased but may not cover the full cost.

What if the curriculum was purchased last month?

Curriculum purchased after February 1st, 2020 will be eligible for reimbursement.

If we purchase the curriculum and we purchase add-on pieces to a curriculum we already own will we still qualify for the \$2,000 stipend?

- ***Example: I would like to purchase Frog Street for infants as well as pieces to go along with the Toddler Frog Street Curriculum that I already own.***

As long as the curriculum is the correct edition as per the 2020 Office of Early Learning approved list, purchased within the allowable time frame, then yes, programs can purchase supporting pieces made by the publisher and receive the reimbursement. For specific questions, please reach out to the Early Learning Coalition – Erin Gallagher at 561-231-5871.

Some curriculums only had a certain book or section that changed. If the provider only purchases that section or book will that qualify them for the stipend?

Pieces purchased from one of the approved curriculum editions will be eligible for the stipend. Amount to be reimbursed will not be more than the cost of the items.

Subscription Service Curriculums

Will the providers that sign up for the monthly subscription for a curriculum qualify for the stipend?

No, as stipends are paid as a one-time reimbursement, providers can only be reimbursed for an annual subscription.

If providers pay for the yearly subscription up front will that make them eligible for the stipend?

Yes, paying for the yearly subscription, would qualify for the reimbursement up to the maximum amounts, based on the date of the receipt.