

Dear Providers,

The DOE is continuing to make a significant investment in preschool special education. We released two solicitations for a contract enhancement opportunity in Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 and are excited to release an additional opportunity to participate in this solicitation for any State-approved nonpublic preschool special education programs that did not apply in the first two rounds. The solicitation is [linked here](#).

This contract enhancement opportunity will provide additional funding to programs in order to meet all 3-K and Pre-K expectations and provide programs with the same support available to 3-K and Pre-K programs. It is also structured to provide additional funding to support staff recruitment and retention. Teachers and paraprofessionals whose salaries are funded through the 4410 or 4201 base contract will be considered for pay increases as part of this enhancement opportunity. Programs should also request additional funding to cover the additional hours worked by any program staff providing enhancement services.

By stabilizing the sector of State-approved nonpublic preschool special education programs, we hope to support programs to add needed special class seats to better align with [Regional Need](#). This will allow more children to be served in settings most appropriate to their needs. We are also excited to continue the work of streamlining NYC's Birth to Five system of early care and education, and to officially make 4410s and 4201s part of Pre-K and 3-K.

All State-approved nonpublic preschool special education programs are eligible to apply. You may respond to the solicitation as soon as you are able and applications will be reviewed until **August 4, 2025 at 5PM**. The [linked solicitation](#) discusses the funding we will provide and instructions on how to apply. Note that by responding to the solicitation, you are not committed to entering into a contract, and you will not have to make a commitment until you know exactly what funding you will receive.

You may reach out to earlychildhoodpolicy@schools.nyc.gov if you have additional questions about this enhancement contract solicitation.

Sincerely,

Early Childhood Policy