

September Update #2



KSDE Early Childhood Webinar Follow-up

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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This update shares follow-up from the Friday, September 11 webinar of early childhood professionals and KSDE staff. We discussed remote learning, family engagement, and delivering on-site services. This included the following two questions:

- **Preschool-Aged At-Risk programs and Kansas Preschool Pilot grantees are required to provide at least one meal or snack per classroom session to each child in attendance. Does providing breakfast fulfill this requirement?** Yes.
- **Students who are remote learners must have daily meaningful connection with a local teacher that is employed by the district. Can a paraeducator or teacher aide be responsible for making that daily meaningful connection?** PreK is following the same requirements for remote learning as other grades. Please refer to the "Remote Learning" section of *Navigating Change 2020*: Districts must assure that *Remote Learners will have at least one meaningful Daily Connection with a local teacher*. Certified teachers must make this daily meaningful connection; paraeducators and teacher aides can support them in their work.

KSDE shared the below "Remote Learning Assurances for Parents" Monday, September 14. Visit the "Remote Learning" section of *Navigating Change 2020* to view the assurances.

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Subj: Remote Learning Assurances for Parents

We have received concerns from parents, teachers and school districts about the daily logs used for remote learning programs for the 2020-2021 school year. We have discussed this issue with several superintendents. As a result of their input, we have eliminated the requirement for daily logs and developed new assurances to be signed by the parent/legal guardian (see attached).

Our goal is to concentrate on students and education programs and not on learning logs. We hope this will have a positive effect on student achievement.

Our last Kansas ASQ Live Question and Answer session with the Brookes Publishing implementation team is this Wednesday, September 16, at 3:00 p.m. Register at <https://agesandstages.com/ks/live-qa-sessions/>. All accredited schools are required to administer the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 to incoming kindergarten students **by September 21, 2020**. All data must be submitted in ASQ Online by October 9, 2020.

Our next KSDE Early Childhood webinar will be on Friday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. This will follow a similar interactive format as our August and September webinars. Please register in advance: https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEsd-6vrj4oHtyPTqBxFD5xe0J_zxGRmGA7



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The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, through funding from the Preschool Development Birth Through Five Renewal Grant, will be awarding \$1.7M in quality enhancement subgrants to Kansas communities & early childhood care & education providers. Applications open this Wednesday - September 16th. Sign up for email updates: <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/> and visit <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/all-in-for-kansas-kids-subgrants/> to learn more.

Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Transition Virtual Summit – November 13. The goals for this summit are to:

- Identify examples of effective kindergarten readiness practices, including strategies to support smooth transitions to kindergarten.
- Expand and enhance relationships between all early childhood programs and school districts to support kindergarten readiness.
- Provide tools, supports and information to strengthen kindergarten readiness practices.

Learn more and register at <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/kindergarten-readiness-summit-2020/>.

The Kansas State School for the Blind/Kansas Deaf-Blind Project shared multiple distance learning opportunities for service providers and families occurring in September and October 2020. View more and register at https://mailchi.mp/kssdb/professional-development-opportunities-sept-oct-4069949?fbclid=IwAR3NF-GLUJSonyyGW5yj_QnUI_9pTwjVVOF8EVZV4rgl10IshZ9S5BMxmI0

We are wishing you well as the school year gets underway! Thank you for your incredible work to serve students, staff, and communities. Please do connect with us as we can be helpful.

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