

PAT MOU

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This FAQ document was created to provide additional information following the February 20, 2015 letter from Deputy Commissioner, Stacey Preis, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) and the Parents as Teachers National Center (PATNC). You may access the letter from the Department’s Early Learning website under PAT Correspondence as needed.

1. How will PAT programs in Missouri schools be identified?

All PAT programs in Missouri schools will be identified as one type of an Affiliate Program or as a Missouri PAT Program in the PAT database.

Affiliate Programs

- **Blue Ribbon Programs** have successfully completed the endorsement process with PATNC.
- **Model Affiliate Programs** data shows they are meeting the 17 Essential Requirements
- **Provisional Affiliate Programs** have made a commitment to meeting the Essential Requirements but is not yet supported by data.

Missouri PAT Programs have not yet committed to Affiliation but will be actively working on meeting the Essential Requirements.

2. Will the Department continue to support regional PAT Learning Communities?

The Early Learning section will continue to work with Missouri schools to provide professional development opportunities that support the Foundational Curriculum and the PAT Essential Requirements. These opportunities will include Family Visit Consultation for new parent educators, regional trainings and Collaborative Learning Groups. The Department and PATNC will work collaboratively in planning professional development opportunities in Missouri.

3. What reporting requirements will programs need to follow?

All programs will continue to report to the Department through the Compliance Plan, Core Data, and Payment Requests in ePeGs (available through the Web Applications System).

Affiliate Programs will also report to the PATNC through the Annual Performance Report (APR). Missouri PAT Programs will complete a shortened version of the APR (short form).

4. Where do we report parent educators?

Parent educators will complete their annual renewal of subscriptions through the PATNC and report those parent educators on Screen 18 and 20 of Core Data with the Department.

5. Are programs required to meet the Essential Requirements?

The Department will require all Missouri schools to work toward meeting the Essential Requirements. The Department's Compliance Plan has been revised to assist programs with this process.

6. What are the direct benefits for Missouri programs under the MOU?

All Affiliates and Missouri PAT Programs will have access to:

- Penelope, the Data Management System;
- tiered PATNC discounts through the e-store & the conference;
- a consistent subscription (renewal) fee per parent educator; and
- use of the PAT name and a brand logo specific to the programs identified status.

7. If the Affiliation fees for FY15 have already been paid can programs receive a refund?

All programs that have paid an Affiliation fee for FY15 have been contacted by PATNC and given the option of a refund or a credit in that amount.

8. Will there be additional training required of parent educators under this agreement?

DESE is requiring all new parent educators attend:

- Foundational and Model Implementation Training (5 days)
- Foundational 2 Training (2 days)

9. What are the benefits of this partnership?

- A single system of data management for every Missouri School PAT program that can be utilized to support program growth.
- Provide the state with a more consistent level of service across programs.
- Assist DESE and the PATNC in providing a more unified system of support for programs.

10. What information is currently available about the new data management system, Penelope, and how do I sign up for access?

Penelope is scheduled to be available to Missouri programs at no cost beginning July 1, 2015. The PATNC currently has an FAQ document that is available on the PAT Portal under the Penelope tab.

The PATNC has provided information in the eNews regarding a survey for programs to complete by April 30, 2015. Once you have completed the survey indicating your program's intent to use the system, the national office will add you to the list. If you have not already completed the survey you may access it through the survey that is available on the PAT Portal under the Penelope tab.

DESE will continue to serve as the State Leader for Missouri and hold a position on the PATNC Board.