

# Early Childhood Curriculum Evaluation Process

The Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), Early Childhood Education section will begin accepting preschool curriculum for review. Each curriculum submitted will be reviewed by early childhood professionals and/or curriculum specialists identified by DESE. Individuals evaluating the curriculum will use the Missouri Early Childhood Curriculum Rubric to score each curriculum in the areas of: Valid Research, Evaluation Results, Professional Development and Developmentally Appropriateness. If the curriculum meets the established evaluation criteria set forth by DESE, the curriculum will then be listed on DESE's website as an approved curriculum to be used in all early childhood programs which are funded by DESE.

Curriculum Sources only, may submit their curriculum information to DESE for review during two cycles. Curriculum received by DESE prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will be reviewed and scored no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>. Curriculum received prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> will be reviewed and scored no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. The curriculum source will receive a memorandum, a copy of the Missouri Early Childhood Curriculum Evaluation Criteria, a Missouri Early Childhood Curriculum Evaluation Report specific to the curriculum submitted and a Narrative Summary of the results of the review. All sources reviewed and approved will be listed on the Early Childhood website. DESE strongly recommended that all curriculum sources consider the scoring rubric and criteria carefully prior to submitting the curriculum for review.

Submit curriculum to:

**Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
Early Childhood Education Section  
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