



**OAKLAND UNIFIED
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Preschool Curriculum Adoption

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Ask of the Board

Adoption by the Board of Education of the curricular materials, Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies, for all Preschool programs in OUSD.

Preschool Curriculum

School Readiness Success

OUSD's Early Learning Department will ensure that our youngest students develop the academic and social skills they need to become **lifelong learners, critical thinkers and empowered community members** that begins with an early start.



**The Need for High-Quality
Preschool Curriculum to Support Early
Learning**

OUSD's Early Learning Mission

The Oakland Unified School District Early Childhood education program strives to build a solid foundation of success for all children and their families. We believe early childhood education is a catalyst to high student achievement. We are committed to providing each child in our program access to a high-quality educational experience.

Preschool Curriculum Considerations

- Culturally responsive & anti-racist content (identity & diversity)
- Family Engagement Focus
- Language/Literacy approaches
- Dual Language approaches
- CA Preschool Foundations Correlation
- CA Curriculum Framework Correlation
- Desired Results Correlation
- Head Start Performance Standards Correlation
- Play-based approaches
- Social-emotional approaches (trauma responsive lens)

Big Day Prek Curriculum is Ending 2021



Preschool Curriculum Selection Process

Preschool Curriculum Steering Committee

- 7 teachers, 3 Instructional Aides, 2 Site Administrators; 3 New Teacher Center Partners
- **Family Engagement** Input Night & Survey
- The committee convened 4 times May 2021 and attended three April 2021 Curriculum Showcase informationals.

6 - Creative Curriculum

0 - PreK On My Way

3 - Frog Street

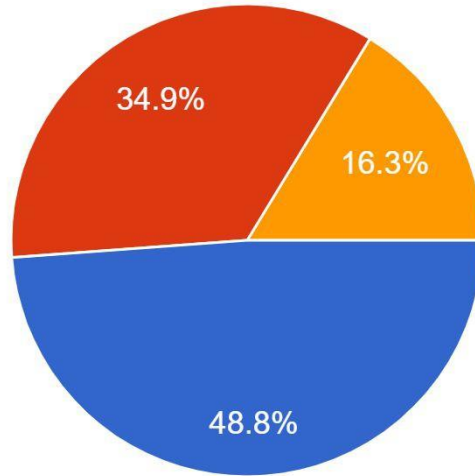
Curriculum Selection Committee Timeline & Process

Date	Topic
April 29th	Final Teacher Survey
May 5th, 2:00-3:00	<u>Review Creative Curriculum</u>
May 12th, 2:00-3:00	<u>Review PreK On My Way</u>
May 19th, 2:00-3:00	<u>Review Frog Street</u>
May 26th, 2:00-3:00	<u>Final Discussion</u>
May 26th	<i>Recommendation to OUSD Board of Education</i>

Vote Distribution as of May 19, 2021

Please select your preferred curriculum.

43 responses



- Creative Curriculum
- Frog Street
- Prek On My Way

OUSD's new PreK Curriculum Adoption: 2021-2022 School Year

Creative Curriculum



PreK On My Way



Frog Street



Recommendation Responses for PreK Curriculum

Preschool Recommendation

Creative Curriculum



Curriculum Adoption Committee Responses

Creative curriculum is aligned with how I already navigate my classroom. The **explorator** element provides a wide range of learning possibilities that not only allows flexibility but provides educators with a solid base to work from. Additionally this style of curriculum supports what inspires educators making the learning environment authentic and functional.

I like how CC allows the teacher to use their knowledge of child development as well as the interests of their students to shape the the curriculum. Project based learning allows children to be fully integrated in the information, it allows for critical thinking, which will benefit the students as they start their academic careers.

I think Creative curriculum can be modified most easily for children with special needs.

In my opinion, Creative Curriculum allows teachers to develop children's imagination by fostering exciting, and stimulating themes based upon children's interest. Thus this, I believe, is a more organic approach to educating our youngest learners, as it gives children permission to explore, uncover, and ultimately discover the world around them.

I like having a program with a lot of choices that are already prepared lessons that don't require a lot of teacher prep. Creative Curriculum is my second choice because it has a lot of student and teacher choice but it seems like it requires A LOT of teacher prep and planning

Family Input

Family Input Responses

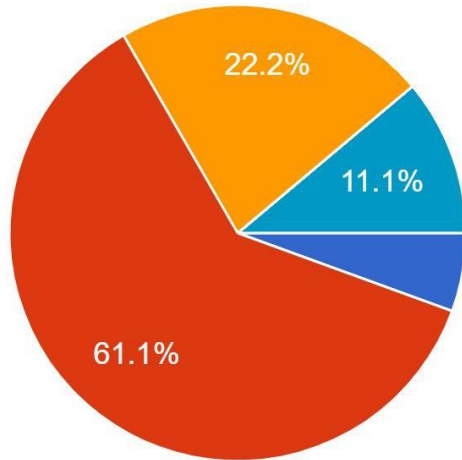
PreK Family Engagement Night - May 18, 2021

What are important curriculum considerations for you as a family?

- Emotional literacy-talking feelings
- Talking about surroundings, observations and play
- Beginning stages of reading & writing
- Pre-math and understanding money
- Learn respect and courtesy
- To practice safety
- Connecting to culture
- Children and families sharing about their home culture/language

What do appreciate most about the curriculum used at your child's preschool? The focus on the following below:

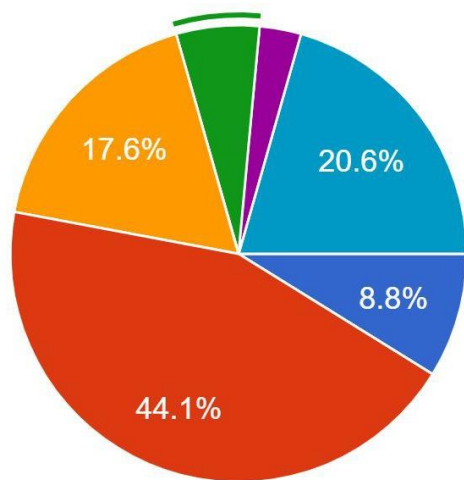
18 responses



- Family Engagement Connections (e.g. home to school connections)
- Social & emotional development (e.g. self esteem, self identity, self confiden...)
- Language and Literacy Skills (learning to read and write)
- Math (e.g. counting, creating patterns, sorting, comparing sizes)
- Culturally relevant curriculum (e.g. affir...)
- Play-based learning facilitated by edu...

您的孩子在学前班所使用的课程中，最欣赏什么？ 以下为重点

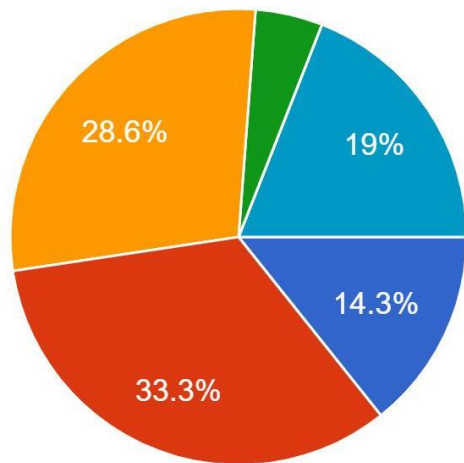
34 responses



- 家庭参与连接 (例如, 家庭到学校的连接)
- 社交和情感发展 (例如自尊, 自我认同, 自信, 交朋友)
- 语言和读写能力 (学习读写)
- 数学 (例如计数, 创建模式, 排序, 比较大小)
- 与文化相关的课程 (例如, 确认儿童的文化, 种族和语言特征)
- 由教育者促进基于游戏的学习

¿Qué es lo que más valora del plan de estudios que se utiliza en el preescolar de su hijo? El enfoque en lo siguiente a continuación:

21 responses



- Conexiones de participación familiar (por ejemplo, conexiones entre el hogar...
- Desarrollo social y emocional (por ejemplo, autoestima, identidad propia,...
- Habilidades de lenguaje y alfabetización (aprender a leer y escribir)
- Matemáticas (por ejemplo, contar, crear patrones, ordenar, comparar tamaños)
- Plan de estudios culturalmente releva...
- Aprendizaje basado en el juego facilit...

Coherent Instructional System



Professional Learning for Preschool Curriculum Adoption

- **Foundational PDs:** *3 Days*
- **Monthly PDs**
- **Weekly Teacher Collaboration**
- **Leadership PD & Learning Walks**



Final Recommendation

Preschool Curriculum

Creative Curriculum by Teaching
Strategies

Grade:
Preschool

Ask of the Board

- Approve the adoption of Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies as the Preschool curriculum for OUSD.





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