

**State-Purchased Child Care Curriculum & Assessment
Frequently Asked Questions
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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provides curriculum and assessments to eligible programs to assist in meeting Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) standards. SUTQ standards require that programs obtain a curriculum at a 2-star rating and must implement that curriculum at a 3-star or higher rating. Funding for state-purchased curriculum and assessments is not guaranteed.

Curriculum

1. Who is eligible to request a state-purchased curriculum and assessment?

For a program to be eligible to request a state-purchased curriculum and assessment, it must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Be an ODJFS or an Ohio Department of Education (ODE) program with an active publicly funded child care (PFCC) provider agreement; and
- ✓ Have provided PFCC services to at least one child within 90 days prior to the request date; and
- ✓ Currently not using a curriculum or the curriculum purchased by the state; and
- ✓ Currently SUTQ rated or pursuing SUTQ as evidenced by a submitted registration for any star rating.

2. How do I request a curriculum?

To request a curriculum the program must complete and submit a JFS 01598 “Curriculum and Assessment Request for Step Up To Quality (SUTQ)” to Curriculum-Request@jfs.ohio.gov. You will receive an email notifying you of your approval or denial.

3. What curriculum is available to request?

The curriculum available are outlined below based on setting and age groups served. The program will receive a printed copy of the curriculum with an electronic version to accompany it. Access to the electronic version is for one year.

Centers

Ages	Curriculum	Assessment
Infants & Toddlers	The Creative Curriculum® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos, with Daily Resources	Teaching Strategies GOLD
Preschool	The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, with Expanded Daily Resources	Teaching Strategies GOLD

Family Child Care

Ages	Curriculum	Assessment
Infants & Toddlers	The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care, with Daily Resources	Teaching Strategies GOLD
Preschool	The Creative Curriculum® for Family Child Care, with Daily Resources	Teaching Strategies GOLD

For more information regarding this assessment and curriculum, please visit: <http://teachingstrategies.com/>. Creative Curriculum offers the infant & toddler and preschool curriculum in Spanish.

4. **How many copies of the curriculum is each program eligible to receive?**
Programs are eligible to receive one curriculum per age group. If an eligible program begins caring for a new age group, they can receive a copy for that age group.
5. **If a program already has Creative Curriculum, are they eligible to receive another copy of the curriculum?**
The goal is to remove a barrier to new programs moving into high quality ratings, therefore, programs currently using the offered curriculum are not eligible to request an additional curriculum.
6. **If a program is using an older version of the approved curriculum, can the program get a copy of a newer version?**
No.
7. **If a family child care program that received the family child care curriculum becomes a child care center, are they eligible to receive a center-based curriculum?**
Yes.
8. **We have the curriculum books, but not the corresponding support products. Can ODJFS provide those missing pieces?**
No. Specific components of the curriculum or learning support materials are not being offered by ODJFS.
9. **We cannot register for a 3, 4 or a 5 star until we have implemented a curriculum and assessment. Does this mean we must become a 1 or 2- star if we want to access these materials?**
To be eligible to receive the curriculum, you must be SUTQ rated or registered for any star rating. If you are registered to become a 1 or 2-star rated program, then you are eligible to request a curriculum.

10. Will the state support the ongoing cost of renewing on-line curriculum?

No.

Assessment

1. How do I request assessments?

To request assessments the program must complete and submit a JFS 01598 “Curriculum and Assessment Request for Step Up To Quality (SUTQ)” to Curriculum-Request@jfs.ohio.gov. You will receive an email notifying you of your approval or denial

2. Will the state support the ongoing cost of renewing assessments?

Yes, as long as funding allows. Funding is limited so programs should only request assessments if they intend to use them. ODJFS evaluates programs’ utilization of the assessments when considering future availability.

3. Will the state pay for the assessment costs for all children in the program, or only those receiving PFCC?

The state will cover the assessment costs for all children eligible for PFCC in the infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms.

4. Can a program that is already using the curriculum request ongoing assessment costs be covered?

Yes. Current programs using Creative Curriculum can request assessment support for children eligible for PFCC.

Training

1. Is the training available for the curriculum and assessment, and is it online or in-person?

The training available covers both the curriculum and assessment.

- ✓ Online trainings are available through the [Ohio Professional Registry \(OPR\)](#)
- ✓ In-person trainings are offered by [Teaching Strategies](#) and are only available for programs with a curriculum issued through ODJFS.

2. Is there a separate training for administrators on the fidelity or management of the curriculum/assessment?

No.

3. Is the training Ohio Approved?

Yes.