




The Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)


DECE's vision for high-quality early childhood programs

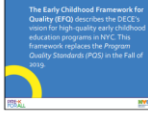



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Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)

What is the EFQ?
The mission of the DOE Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE) is to create the best early care and education system in the country so that every New York City child has a fair shot at living up to her full potential. To support this mission, the DECE has developed the Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ), which describes our shared vision for high-quality early childhood programming in New York City.


Programs use the EFQ to guide their practice in a way that advances positive outcomes for all children and families. DECE staff use the EFQ as the foundation for the quality supports provided to programs, including on-site support and professional learning. This resource ensures that all DECE early childhood programs, regardless of setting or location, are held accountable to the same standards and supported to meet the same expectations of quality.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the DOE early childhood system will include programs serving children from 6 weeks to 5 years old. In order to account for all ages and program types, the Framework will replace the existing Program Quality Standards (PQS) in the 2019. The EFQ is closely aligned to the following:

- The Framework for Great Schools, which is the DOE's vision for school improvement across the pre-K to 12 continuum;
- The DOE's commitment to Equity and Excellence for All;
- The Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS), which are the requirements for all federally-funded Head Start and Early Head Start programs;
- The leading national research on early childhood quality; and
- The expertise and experience of DECE staff, programs, and community partners.

How is the EFQ organized?
The EFQ is comprised of 4 Elements, which are high-level, research-based principles of early childhood quality aligned to the Elements of the Framework for Great Schools (FGS). Each Element identifies several Practices, or actions that can be taken by program leadership and teaching teams to demonstrate these principles. The Elements and Practices are applicable to all early childhood age groups and settings.

The Practices under each Element are not listed in order of importance, nor are they intended to indicate that one Practice is prioritized over another. Instead, they are interconnected and, when combined, help us better understand the actions, behaviors, and skills encompassed by each Element. As indicated in the visual, most Practices listed under program leadership teams have parallel Practices under program teaching teams.



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What is the EFQ?

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The Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ) describes the DECE's vision for high-quality early childhood education programs in NYC. This framework replaces the *Program Quality Standards (PQS)* in the Fall of 2019.

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The EFQ is grounded on the following:

- The Framework for Great Schools (FFGS)
- THE NYCDOE's commitment to Equity and Excellence for All;
- The Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS); and
- The expertise and experience of the DECE's central office, site support staff, programs, and community partners.

Why a new Framework?

As our Division evolves, we need new tools to support our quality improvement work across multiple age groups and settings.

The EFQ builds on the theoretical foundation of the **Program Quality Standards (PQS)**, which served as the Division's vision for quality between 2014-2019. The implementation of the EFQ will start in the fall of 2019 as we move to a unified birth-to-five system and support our mission to build the best early care and education system in the country.

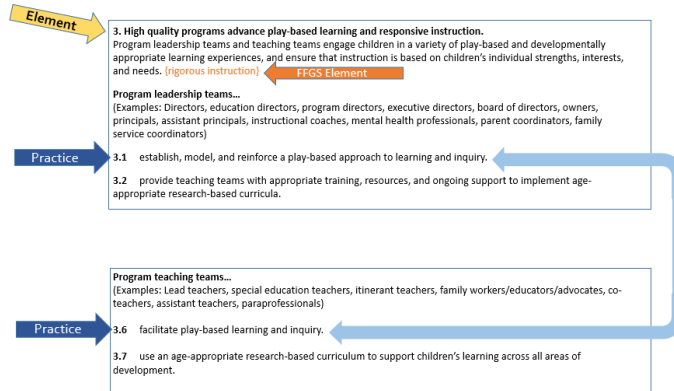
How is the Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ) organized?

Elements and Practices

The EFQ is comprised of 6 research-based **Elements** of quality, aligned with the NYCDOE's Framework for Great Schools. Each Element identifies 5 to 6 **Practices** for both leadership teams and teaching teams that are representative of high quality, and are applicable to all center-based early childhood age groups and settings.

EFQ: Elements and Practices

- EFQ: 6 Elements and 68 Practices.
- Most Practices listed under **program leadership teams** have parallel Practices under **program teaching teams**.



Framework for Great Schools



The Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE) believes that high quality 0-5 programs...

1. respect and value differences. {trust}
2. create safe and positive environments. {supportive environment}
3. advance play-based learning and responsive instruction {rigorous instruction}
4. promote families' roles as primary caregivers, teachers, and advocates. {strong family-community ties}
5. work collaboratively towards continuous quality improvement. {collaborative teachers}
6. demonstrate strategic leadership. {effective school leadership}

What are similarities and differences between the EFQ and the PQS?

(Think about structure & content!)

Shifts from PQS

Structural:

- More direct alignment with the FFGS
- Emphasis on leadership teams

Content:

- Emphasis on equity and access
- Shift to 2-generational approach
- Emphasis on data cycle (classroom and program level)
- Amplified focus on operational quality



Practices & Examples of Practice: Supplementary Resource





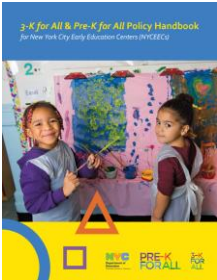
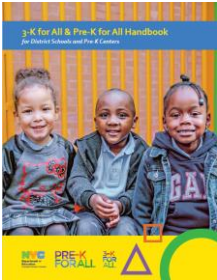
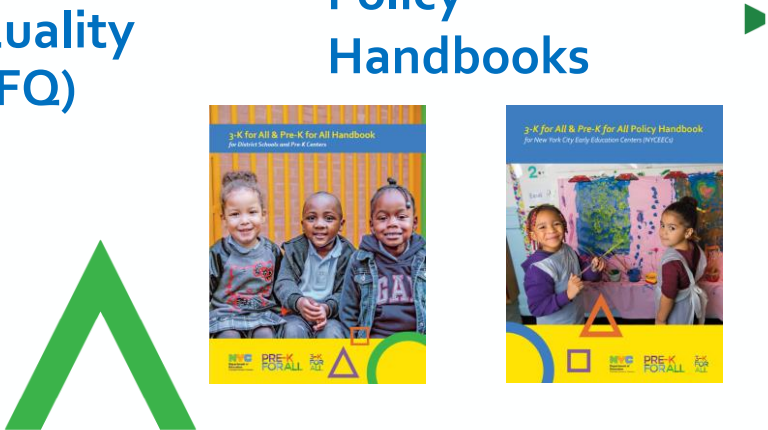
Examples of Practice

- Each **Practice** will have a set of **Examples of Practice** meant as a supplementary resource.
- The Examples of Practice are not an exhaustive lists of look fors. They illustrate what the Practices could look like; ways to help you understand what the Practices mean.
- The Examples of Practice are still in development and in the year 2019-2020 your site support staff may share with you as you set goals together.

Standards and other Frameworks for Early Childhood Education Quality





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3-K for All and Pre-K for All Policy Handbooks



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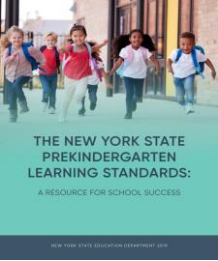
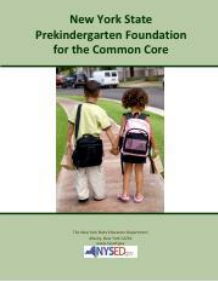
Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS)



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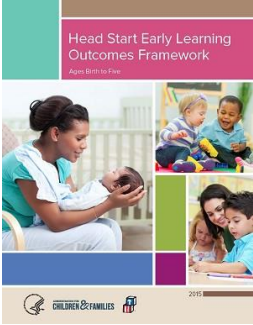
New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core

New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards



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Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF)



Putting it all together:

During this time together we learned:

- ❑ What the EFQ is
- ❑ How the EFQ is organized
- ❑ The EFQ's supplementary resource: the Examples of Practice
- ❑ Standards and other Frameworks for ECE quality



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