



Curriculum

What children learn and how it is taught



Curriculum Approval Process

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County is responsible for ensuring that all school readiness providers use developmentally appropriate curriculum. To this end, all School Readiness providers serving children birth to five years of age are required to use a curriculum that has been approved by the Quality Committee of the Early Learning Coalition Board. Although the Coalition has approved the curricula frameworks, approaches and kits listed previously in this document there are other early childhood curricula that provide a sound framework for educating young children.

Providers using a curriculum that does not appear on the approved list should use the following procedure to submit their curriculum for evaluation/approval.

- The provider should review the Coalition's Guiding Principles and the curriculum evaluation tool to be sure that the curriculum they submit aligns with established criteria.
- The School Readiness provider submits sample curriculum materials for review.
- The Quality Committee will review the application using the approved process and form. If the application has been submitted during a month in which the Quality Committee does not meet, the Chair of the Quality Committee will call a meeting of the Quality Committee to address this item. If this called meeting cannot be scheduled prior to ten (10) days before the next Early Learning Coalition Board meeting, the matter will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Quality Committee meeting. A schedule of regular meetings of both the ELCB and the Quality Committee are posted on the website calendar.
- An action item will be presented to the full Early Learning Coalition Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting to approve or disapprove.
- The Provider will be notified in writing of the Board's decision.
- If the curriculum has received approval, the Provider may implement its use.