

Title 10: Education Institutions and Agencies

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*Rule 1.1 Funding.* Any charter school may accept any funding through the State of Mississippi and/or the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to fund a pre-kindergarten program. This includes any State-Invested Pre-K (SIP) programs, any Early Learning Collaborative (ELC) programs, and any other type of funding that may become available.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-28-9 and 59(2).

*Rule 1.2 Contract Amendment.* Any charter school awarded funding for a pre-kindergarten program shall amend their charter contract to include the pre-kindergarten program on the school's Grade Level Enrollment Projection Table prior to expending any funds. If the availability of pre-kindergarten funding ceases, the charter school shall amend their charter contract to remove the pre-kindergarten program from the school's Grade Level Enrollment Projection Table at the next regular meeting of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board (MCSAB).

Source: Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-28-9 and 59(2).

*Rule 1.3 Expansion Not Required.* Any charter school awarded funding for a pre-kindergarten program that does not have pre-kindergarten as part of their current contract terms or as part of the original school model in the school's application is not required to submit an expansion application under 10 Mississippi Administrative Code Part 405.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-28-9 and 59(2).

*Rule 1.4 Agreement with MDE.* MCSAB may enter into written agreements with MDE to provide for funding, oversight, monitoring, and data-sharing for any charter school pre-kindergarten programs.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-28-9 and 59(2).