

CURRICULUM ALIGNMENT TO OHIO'S EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The Department invites you to provide documentation of your curriculum alignment to Ohio's new Early Learning and Development Standards to the Ohio Department of Education for review and posting. Early care and education programs in Ohio that participate in Step Up to Quality and are highly rated will be required to implement curriculum that is aligned to the new standards by July 1, 2024.

The Ohio Department of Education has developed a process for vendors to submit a completed [curriculum alignment form](#) and any additional alignment documentation. Vendors must provide enough information in the alignment document that Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) staff are able to verify the information. ODE and ODJFS do not recommend, endorse, or promote any curriculum.

The documentation process is open on a rolling basis. Documentation submitted by the first of the month will be reviewed and added to the website the following month.

We will maintain a list of [vendor alignment documentation on our website](#). Alignment to the standards will be displayed as fully aligned or partially aligned. A fully aligned curriculum will address all 56 standards. Any program seeking a 3-star or higher rating in Step Up to Quality that chooses to implement a partially aligned curriculum would need to implement supplemental curriculum to cover the remaining standards.

Please complete the [curriculum alignment form](#) for each curriculum product that you would like to be reviewed. The form along with any documentation up to 20 MB total can be submitted via email to ELSR@education.ohio.gov. If you have larger files to submit, please contact Christina Tomazinis (Christina.Tomazinis@education.ohio.gov) for a link to a secure folder to transmit larger files. Please do not send proprietary files via email.

For questions about the curriculum alignment review process, please contact ELSR@education.ohio.gov.