



## 2023-2024 Prekindergarten Variance from Collaboration Requirement

Education Law §3602-e and §3602-ee allow school districts to apply for a variance from the collaborative prekindergarten programming requirement. School districts must provide documented evidence to show that it is unable to establish a collaborative arrangement for approvable reasons outside the district's control. **For a variance to be considered for approval by NYSED's Office of Early Learning, each section must be completed thoroughly.**

Applicant Information					
School District:	Click or tap here to enter the school district name			Date:	Select date.
District Contact:	Click or tap here to enter	Email:	Click or tap to enter	Phone:	Click or tap to enter

<b>Type of variance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Variance <i>(cannot meet the 10 percent set aside)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial Variance <i>Indicate collaboration percent here →</i>	Select Percent
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### Evidence of Due Diligence

In the table below, indicate the types and number of prekindergarten program providers within the school district boundaries and responses to outreach efforts. Use the following resources to assist: New York State Office of Children and Families' [\(OCFS\) Find Child Care search tool](#), and the New York State Council on Children and Families' (CCF) Kids' Indicator Well-being Clearinghouse [\(KWIC\) Interactive Map Builder](#).

Program Type	# Of Programs	# Of Responses	Program Type	# Of Programs	# Of Responses
Child Care and Early Education Programs	Select Number	Select Number	BOCES	Select Number	Select Number
Early Childhood Centers	Select Number	Select Number	Nursery Schools	Select Number	Select Number
Family/Group Family Child Care Programs	Select Number	Select Number	Charter Schools	Select Number	Select Number
Day Care Centers	Select Number	Select Number	Non-Public Schools	Select Number	Select Number
Head Start Programs	Select Number	Select Number	Libraries	Select Number	Select Number
4410 Preschool Special Education Program	Select Number	Select Number	Museums	Select Number	Select Number

In its outreach efforts, did the school district develop an RFP to identify potential Prekindergarten providers to deliver collaborative prekindergarten programming?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Attach RFP with submission to Office of Early Learning.	<input type="checkbox"/> No – Below, provide a justification for why an RFP was not developed (*).
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\* RFP Justification: Click or tap here to enter text.

Provide a summary of the additional outreach efforts the school district took to identify potential Prekindergarten provider collaborators. Include specific types of outreach activities conducted (e.g., advertising on the district website, newspaper, etc.) and the dates these efforts occurred.

Click or tap here to enter text.



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### Justification for Variance:

Despite issuing an RFP and conducting additional outreach efforts, the school district has determined that there is good cause for not delivering collaborative prekindergarten programming due to the following (*select all that apply*):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> There are no potential prekindergarten providers within the district boundaries.   | <input type="checkbox"/> No potential prekindergarten providers responded to district outreach efforts including the RFP.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potential prekindergarten providers are not interested/have declined to collaborate with the district.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential prekindergarten providers are unable or unwilling to comply with New York State requirements.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New prekindergarten providers do not have a record of program effectiveness or fiscal solvency.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential prekindergarten providers have unresolved Health and Safety violations from OCFS or NYC DOHMH. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prekindergarten providers' continued failure to meet the terms of a prior contract with the district.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Prekindergarten providers' fiscal solvency issues.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The number of enrolled prekindergarten students at CBO locations cause the district not to fully meet the 10% requirement ( <i>For Partial Variance Requests Only</i> ). |   |

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
School District Chief Executive Officer or Designee

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NYSED Use Only			
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	_____ <i>Signature of OEL District Liaison</i>	Date: Select date.
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved	_____ <i>OEL Director Signature</i>	Date: Select date.
Comments: Click or tap here to enter text.			