IQPPS Implementation Support 2026-2027

The revised 2026 Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards (IQPPS) were approved by the State Board of Education on May 14, 2026. The revised program standards provide programs with a framework for fostering engaging learning environments, strong family partnerships, effective teaching practices and continuous improvement while reinforcing a statewide commitment to high-quality early childhood education.

Iowa programs operating Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programs (SWVPP), Shared Visions Preschool Programs (SV) and preschool classrooms providing Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services, are required to implement one set of State Board of Education approved preschool program standards. The Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards are one option available.

Implementation of the 2026 IQPPS will begin on July 1, 2026, with statewide enactment expected by July 1, 2027. Given the similarity to the previous 2017 version, it is expected most programs will experience little to no disruption in implementation through the transition.

Desk audit items for the upcoming Universal Preschool Desk Audit will carry over to FY27. Items have been aligned to the 2026 IQPPS verbiage and numbering.

To support successful implementation of the revised standards, the Department will offer resources, professional learning opportunities and technical assistance to educators and administrators in the coming months.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Topic	Target Audience	Learning Description	Dates and Times	Registration
IQPPS Overview and Impact to Implementation	-Administrators -Teaching Staff -Instructional Coaches -AEA Staff supporting preschool programs	Overview - A.M. Standards Impact to Implementation Support - P.M.	**Overview:** 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Standards Implementation Support:** 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Select one date to attend:** Aug 12, 2026 Aug 13, 2026 Aug 19, 2026 Sept 2, 2026 Sept 9, 2026	Registration Link *Zoom link will be sent after registration is confirmed*
IQPPS Deep Dive Learning Series	-Administrators -Teaching Staff -Instructional Coaches -AEA Staff supporting preschool programs	Each session will focus on a specific standard	**All sessions: 3:30 - 4:30 pm** **Standard 1**–Sept. 1, 2026 **Standard 2–**Sept. 15 2026 **Standard 3–**Oct. 6, 2026 **Standard 4–**Oct. 20, 2026 **Standard 5–**Nov. 3, 2026 **Standard 6–**Nov. 17, 2026 **Standard 7–**Dec. 1, 2026 **Standard 8–**Jan. 5, 2027 **Standard 9–**Jan. 19, 2027	Registration Link *Zoom link will be sent after registration is confirmed*

IQPPS Open Q & A Sessions	-Teaching Staff -Instructional Coaches -AEA supporting preschool programs	Open forum for questions and shared learning around IQPPS	**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** (1st Thursday of every month Sept thru Dec 2026): Sept 3, 2026 Oct 1, 2026 Nov 5, 2026 Dec 3, 2026	No registration needed Zoom Link
Additional Support for Program Administrators: Preschool Desk Audit Office Hours	Administrators supporting preschool programs	Each session will focus on a specific item(s) from the Universal Preschool Desk Audit	**All sessions** **1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** Sept 29, 2026 Oct 27, 2026 Nov 24, 2026 Dec 8, 2026	No registration needed Zoom Link

2026 IQPPS Resources:

- 2026 Revised IQPPS Standards
- 2026 IQPPS Required Criteria
- 2017 and 2026 Alignment Resource
- Universal Preschool Desk Audit: Evidence of IQPPS Implementation