Appendix P: Required Equipment, Materials, and Supplies

To be included in all classrooms the first year of operation and replaced in existing classrooms on an as-needed basis. All furnishings and equipment in a First Class Pre-K Program should be age appropriate for 3-5 year old children, and should not be made of easily breakable materials.

**BLOCKS:**
- Unit Blocks (starter set), Cardboard Bricks/Hollow Blocks
- Small Vehicles (cars and trucks), Multi-Cultural People Figures, Career People Figures, Traffic Signs, Animal Figures, Street Rug
- Books related to area
- Writing Tools
- Two Shelves (Minimum)

*There should be enough blocks, space, and accessories for 3 or more children to build a large structure independently.*

**MATH:**
- Counting Bears/Animals, Dominoes, Counting Games
- Magnet Numbers, Number BINGO, Tactile Number Templates, Number Peg Puzzles, Clock (for child play)
- Chain Links, Timers, Balance Scale, Tape Measure, Thermometers, Yardstick or Rulers, Measuring Cups/Spoons
- Pegs and Peg Boards, Sorting Trays, Nesting Cups, Playing Cards, 1 Inch Wooden Cubes, 1 Inch Tiles, Unifix or Snap Cubes
- Pattern Blocks and Cards, Attribute Blocks, Lacing Shapes, Stringing Shape Beads, Tangrams and Puzzles, Geoboards, Puzzles with Geometric Shapes, Magnetic Shapes
- Books related to area
- Writing tools
- 1 Shelf (Minimum)

*There should be at least 3-5 materials for counting, 3-5 materials for measuring, 3-5 materials for learning shape/size, 3-5 materials for comparing quantities, 3-5 materials for written numbers. Sometimes a “math” item may be present in another area such as a thermometer in science, or a ruler in writing.*

**FINE MOTOR:**
- Gears, Magna-tiles, Tweezer Activities, Tinker Toys, Connecting Tubes, Interlocking Manipulatives, Beads and Strings, Lacing Cards, Magnetic Blocks, Links
- Puzzles (with many different subjects and number of pieces), Floor Puzzles, Knob Less and Knobbed Puzzles
- Puzzle Rack
- Legos, Bristle Blocks, Building Logs, Small Wood Table Top Blocks
- Books related to area
- Writing Tools
- 1 Shelf with Bins (Minimum)

*A minimum of 3-5 small building and art materials, manipulatives and puzzles should be included.*
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NATURE AND SCIENCE:
Collections of Natural Objects – Rocks and Minerals, Leaves, Seeds, Acorns, Pine Cones, Shells, Feathers, Nuts, Sticks, Spices
Living Things – Models of Insects, Models of Animals, Live Plants, Aquarium (suggested), Bug Boxes, Root
View Farm, Live plants, Aquarium (suggested)
Science Tools- Thermometers, Flashlight, Prisms (plastic), Unbreakable Mirrors, Binoculars, Maps and Globes, Color Paddles, Various Types of Scales, Measuring Cups and Spoons, Linear Measuring Devices, Stop Watch, Hour Glass, Magnifiers
Games and Toys-Books (realistic pictures appropriate for Pre-K), Science Matching Cards/Sequence, Cards, Games (realistic and fact based), Realistic Animals, Realistic Puzzles.
Books related to area
Writing Tools
1 Shelf (Minimum)
*At least 3-5 examples of collections of natural objects, at least 1 living object, 3-5 examples of books and/or games, 3-5 examples of science tools for activities (magnifying glasses, magnets, shaking cans, sink and float materials etc.) Some items may be teacher made, collected, or parent donated.

DRAMATIC PLAY:
Dramatic Play Furnishings-Play Kitchen Set, Table and Chairs, Child-size Sofa, Rug (if carpet isn’t available), Doll Furniture, Dress Up Clothes Storage, Mirror
Dramatic Play Props- Dolls (multi-cultural), Play Food from Different Cultures, Cash Register
Dress Up Clothes-Community Helper Costumes, Cultural Costumes, Female Gender Specific such as Shoes, Purses, Scarves, Dresses, Skirts, Jewelry Male Gender Specific such as Ties, Wallets, Shoes, Jacket, Briefcase
Theme Related Props/Curriculum Related Literature Props, Photos, Artifacts (should be changed out on a regular basis)
Tool Box
Doctor’s Kits
Books related to area
Writing Tools
*At least 3 or more types of dress up clothes, 2-3 gender specific examples of dress up clothes, props for at least 2 different themes available daily (menu, cash register, construction worker, etc.), 3 or more Home props (not counting dishes, pots and pans, plastic food). There should be a variety of “themes” available to be rotated and cultural diversity must be represented. Some items may be teacher made, collected, or parent donated

LIBRARY:
Child-Size Rocker, Child-Size Sofa and Chair or Beanbag Chairs
Library Area Furnishings-Pillows, Child-size Rocker, Child-size Sofa and Chair or Beanbag Chairs
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LIBRARY, cont:
Rug
Alphabet, Beginning Sounds and Rhyming Word Puzzles, 3-D Letters, Letter Templates, Felt/Flannel
Board, Felt Board Story Pieces, Puppets, Stuffed Animals
One Face-Out Shelf for Books
One Additional Shelf (with Baskets or Bins) to Organize Books
*Some items may be teacher made, collected, or parent-donated.

WRITING:
Writing Materials- Variety of Paper, Clipboards, Magna Doodle, Journaling/Notebook Pads, Writing
Materials and Tools to be Placed in all Centers, Dry Erase Boards
Suggested Materials- Catalogs, Office Forms, “Junk” Mail, Telephones, Message Pads, Guest Checks,
Receipt Books, Order Forms, Envelopes
Writing Tools- Pencils, Pens, Markers, Crayons, Chalk, Erasers, Pencil Sharpener, Dry Erase
Markers/Crayons, Old Computer Keyboards, Children’s Name Cards, Word/Picture Cards, Letter
Stencils, Letter Stamps
Furniture-Writing Center or Table/Chairs, 1 Shelf for Materials (Minimum)
Books related to area
Writing Tools
*Some items may be teacher made, collected, or parent-donated.

ART:
Drawing- Crayons (Fat and Small), Markers, Colored Pencils, Sidewalk Chalk, White and Colored
Drawing
Chalk
Paints- Variety of Paints (Tempera, Finger, Watercolor, Glitter), Dot Art Painters, Paint Brushes,
Sponges, Sponge Brushes, Paint Cups, Art Aprons
Paper- Variety of Sizes, Weight, Texture and Colors
3D- Play Dough/Clay, Clay Cutter and other Clay Equipment, Styrofoam, Cardboard Tubes, Boxes,
Bottles, Craft Sticks, Wood Pieces, Styrofoam, Cardboard Tubes, Boxes, Bottles
Collage- Sequins and Spangles, Paper Shapes, Yarn, String, Ribbon, Lace, Felt, Paper Scraps, Fabric
Scraps, Wallpaper Samples, Wiggle Eyes, Chenille Pipe Cleaners, Glitter, Pom-Poms, Ribbon, Lace
Fabric Scraps, Wallpaper Samples
Tools- Stencils, Glue, Scissors, Hole Punchers, Tape (masking, clear, and colored), Stapler and Staples
Books related to area
Writing Tools
Furniture- Table and Chairs, Double Easel, Drying Rack, 1 Shelf for Materials (Minimum)
*There should be at least 3-5 painting materials, 3-5 three D materials, 3-5 Collage materials, 3-5 Art
tools. Some items may be teacher made, collected, or parent-donated.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:
Instruments- CD Player/Listening Device, Set of 10 Children’s Musical Instruments (Hand-made or
Purchased)
Music CD’s or Tapes or iPod/iPad/MP3-Variety of Music Tapes/CD’s for Children (minimum of 10)
Books related to area
Writing Tools
Dance Props- Scarves, Ribbon Rings, Streamers
Furniture-1 Shelf for Storage (Minimum)
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LISTENING CENTER:
CD Player or some other type of Listening Device
CD Stories or Recorded Stories
Storage for Listening Center

TECHNOLOGY:
Minimum of 2 Tablet Type Devices (such as IPad - must be compatible with Teaching Strategies GOLD)
Working internet connection to support technology

REST TIME:
Cots (one per child)
Cot sheets (one per child)
Cot carrier

GROSS MOTOR:
*Children should have access and the opportunity to use equipment daily that promotes a variety of skills (balancing, climbing, ball play, steering/pedaling wheeled toys). Portable equipment would include balls, hoops, large trucks, tricycles with helmets, parachutes, and cones. Stationary equipment would include developmentally appropriate climbing structures, sand/water table (if anchored), swings, etc. Children should have the opportunity for gross motor both indoors and outdoors.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:
Cubbies with Hooks (one per child)
Large Rug for Whole Group Area
*It is recommended that cubbies for storage of children’s possessions be located in the classroom to be convenient for supervision, each child should have a separate cubby with hook so that coats, etc. do not touch.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:
Electrical Plug Outlets
First Aid Kit (items such as gloves, scissors, tweezers, thermometer, bandages, tapes, gauze, band aids, safety pins, eye dressings, cold pack kept in freezer, current first aid instruction chart, contact information)

OTHER SUGGESTED MATERIALS:
Pulleys, wedges, corks, marbles, small boats, ping pong balls, nuts and bolts, watering cans, small journals for observing and recording data, clipboards, plastic trays, tactile materials, etc.

Please note:
When purchasing shelving units, shelves should be low enough for teachers to easily see and monitor all children as they play in the indoor learning space. There should be a storage unit with individual cubbies for each child.

When purchasing tables and chairs, the children’s feet should be flat on the floor; table height should be approximately 8” above the chair seat. It is understood this will vary according to children in the classroom, and, therefore, might be a good idea to purchase a few chairs that are shorter than average for smaller children in the classroom.
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT MAY BE PURCHASED IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE:
Additional Unit Blocks, Block Sets, Large Vehicles for Block Play
Puppet Stage and Additional Puppets
Magnetic Board and a Variety of Magnets
Additional Manipulatives
Additional Dramatic Play Dress-up Props
Additional Art Materials
Additional Paint and Play Dough/Clay Colors
Child-size Sofa and Chair
Playhouse, Farm Set, Garage Set; Play Mats such as Town/Farm
Tool Box, Tools, Workbench, Safety Glasses
Additional Dolls/Doll Accessories