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I.A. Identification of need (20 Points)	<ul> <li>Includes estimate for total 4-year-old population in district</li> <li>Includes enrollment data from previous school year for all applicable funding categories listed</li> <li>Includes previous school year's kindergarten enrollment based on ADM</li> <li>Includes previous school year's LEA Free and Reduced Price Lunch percentage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides enrollment data for the past 3 school years for all applicable funding categories listed</li> <li>Provides last 3 years kindergarten enrollment based on ADM</li> <li>Includes LEA Free and Reduced Price Lunch % for last 3 years</li> <li>Provides additional information on economic need for public pre-K programs</li> <li>Identifies shifts in enrollment last 3 years</li> <li>Clear explanation of any blending or braiding of funds.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clear rationale for how and why program models are selected</li> <li>Includes data/estimates on the district's unmet need by public and private providers (i.e. How many ED students are not served by existing programs?)</li> <li>Provides projections for future enrollment trends</li> <li>Explains how the district plans to meet the need of students eligible for VPK but not yet served, and/or how the district plans to meet growing demand from demographic shifts, if applicable</li> </ul>						
				0 pts	5 pts	10 pts	15 pts	20 pts	
I.B. VPK sites (20 points)	<ul> <li>Provides complete list for all VPK classroom locations/sites</li> <li>All information is filled in for each of the sites</li> <li>Includes narrative explaining the district's process for ranking sites</li> <li>Provides percentage of economically disadvantaged (ED) students currently served</li> <li>Provides percentage of students with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Narrative clearly states how 2017-18 ranking is different/similar to current VPK sites</li> <li>District's system for identifying VPK sites demonstrates a clear, data-driven, logical plan</li> <li>Any LEA-specific criteria for site selection is stated and an explanation is provided for why this criteria is important</li> <li>LEA can demonstrate that past VPK sites</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates plan to review rankings</li> <li>Plan gives specific timeframes for review that is prior to end of grant cycle</li> <li>Narrative includes clearly articulated strategies and timeline to increase the percentage of ED students served</li> <li>Narrative includes clearly articulated strategies and timeline to increase the percentage of students served</li> <li>Narrative includes clearly articulated strategies and timeline to increase the percentage of students in VPK classrooms with an IEP</li> <li>LEA can demonstrate that past VPK sites</li> </ul>						
	IEPs currently served in VPK classrooms	have maintained maximum enrollment	have maintained maximum enrollment of eligible 4 year olds.	0 pts	5 pts	10 pts	15 pts	20 pts	

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I.C. Enrollment process (20 points)	<ul> <li>Describes the district registration process with adequate detail, including timeline</li> <li>Publicizes pre-K registration widely through district wide communications strategies</li> <li>Describes district's enrollment policy with adequate detail, including timelines</li> <li>Enrollment process includes quality methods for ensuring eligibility requirements are met</li> <li>Identifies wait list process, including the information maintained on students</li> <li>Includes consent to rules regarding enrollment data submission</li> </ul>	plan and strategies for pre-K registration and enrollment - Includes a targeted recruitment strategy to serve the most at-risk populations of students, as defined by VPK eligibility - Defines process for filling vacant seats -EIS data illustrates 90% of students met income eligibility guidelines in 2016-2017 -EIS data illustrates programs maintained enrollment at 90% maximum capacity -Enrollment plan includes strategies for including children with disabilities in VPK classrooms - Data illustrates inclusion, in that 10% of students enrolled had a current I.E.P. - Articulates effective process for ensuring student information is correctly encoded in the student management system	<ul> <li>Describes site-based targeted recruitment and enrollment strategies to fill pre-K classrooms with eligible students</li> <li>In-person assistance offered to families for Pre-K registration, multilingual if needed</li> <li>Welcomes families to Pre-K program through personal calls, home visits, visits to classrooms before the first day of school, and other effective transition methods</li> <li>Demonstrates past enrollment data has been accurately and consistently entered both codes Q and L match reports</li> <li>Data illustrates inclusion, in that 10% of students enrolled had a current I.E.P. with services other than speech/language delay.</li> <li>Demonstrates high parent satisfaction with registration and enrollment, as measured by prior year parent survey</li> </ul>	0 pts	5 pts	10 pts	15 pts	 20 pts	
l.D. Attendance (10 points)	<ul> <li>Provides data on average daily attendance in pre-K</li> <li>Provides documentation of written attendance guidance for pre-K programs and schools</li> <li>Provides guidance to families on attendance expectations</li> <li>Describes how a child's withdrawal from the pre-K program is handled, using attendance manual guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides data on chronic absenteeism</li> <li>Provides resources to families to assist with attendance issues</li> <li>Provides district policy that helps schools and programs improve pre-K and early grades attendance</li> <li>Provides parent with a copy of district attendance policy and maintains records of parent signatures on this policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Collects data on average daily attendance and chronic absenteeism by site/school</li> <li>Identifies staff to work with families to addresses issues related to chronic absenteeism</li> <li>District attendance policy defines expectations and provides specific protocols to address chronic absenteeism</li> </ul>	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	

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l.E. Transportation plan (10 points)	<ul> <li>Provides a transportation and safety plan for pre-K children, including guidelines for staff responsible for helping with school buses</li> <li>Includes recognition of state code in devising transportation plans</li> <li>Provides standardized protocols and resources for ensuring student safety during drop off and pick up at schools/programs/classrooms</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Identifies creative solutions to provide increased transportation options for pre-K families</li> <li>Explains how the district leverages community partnerships to increase transportation options for families to fill classrooms with at-risk children</li> <li>Member transportation department serves on CPAC</li> </ul>	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	
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II. Pre-K Program (10	0 points total)								
ll.A. Student outcome goals (10 points)	<ul> <li>Identifies goals for pre-K student outcomes</li> <li>Identifies student progress measurement tools to be used</li> <li>Explains how data collection will be managed, including dates for when data will be collected</li> <li>Includes plan for how data will be shared with families, the district, and the state</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Goal setting is district and site specific</li> <li>Specifies measurable academic goals</li> <li>Specifies measurable social personal goals</li> <li>Describes how student- and site-level data will be used to inform instruction and program improvements</li> <li>Articulates plan to review goals annually</li> <li>Explains process for modification of goals, including communication with TDOE</li> </ul>	- Student outcome goals and continuous improvement strategies are evidence based (research, student measurement analyses, teacher evaluation data, stakeholder input, early childhood specialist consultations, etc.) -pre-K program improvements plans are integrated into K-4 school improvement plans and K-3 district strategies	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	

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.B. Daily schedule 20 points) - Ider - Ider - Ider - Ider	Describes average daily schedule, entifying amount of time spent in whole oup, small group and center-based tivities dentifies time spent in outdoor play and cess (average) dentifies district's approach to prichment activities, or "specials"	specials, extended whole group transitions, etc.)	<ul> <li>Schedule maximizes time spent in centers and small group centers</li> <li>Schedule and activities promote student- directed inquiry, play and experiential learning</li> <li>Schedule and rationale prioritize enrichment for students and integrate enrichment into curriculum</li> <li>There is a clearly articulated plan to increase developmentally appropriate instruction and decrease time students spend on management and routines</li> </ul>	0 pts	5 pts	10 pts	15 nts	20 pts	

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ll.C. Curriculum (20 points)	<ul> <li>Includes list of curricula used in district and why and how those were chosen</li> <li>Curriculum matches the approved list of VPK curriculum provided by TN DOE</li> <li>Describes how curriculum aligns with all domains in TN-ELDS</li> <li>Provided teacher training when new curriculum was adopted, or plans to provide training for new curriculum in 2017-2018</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Curriculum provides ample opportunities for experiential, hands-on learning through authentic materials and autodidactic manipulatives.</li> <li>Curriculum provides activities and resources aligned with early literacy, language and early numeracy standards (TN ELDS)</li> <li>Curriculum includes strategies to promote healthy social-personal development in young children, with a focus on executive function and self-regulation</li> <li>Curriculum is comprehensive and addresses all domains of learning and development.</li> <li>Explains how curriculum aligns with early grades curriculum (k-2)</li> <li>Curriculum promotes development of oral language through student/teacher interactions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rationale for why LEA chose the curriculum indicates a focus on student-outcomes</li> <li>A thorough crosswalk has been completed by the district and illustrates alignment between curriculum and each of the TN ELDS.</li> <li>Curriculum includes a focus on math and higher order cognitive thinking</li> <li>Curriculum addresses specific developmental domains (cognitive, physical, personal and social), and is the approach integrated across all domains</li> <li>Curriculum provides guidance on individualizing instruction for students with unique needs.</li> <li>Curriculum is grounded in research as evidenced by effectiveness studies</li> </ul>	0 pts	5 pts	10 pts	15 pts	20 pts	
ll. D. Teacher placement and preparation (10 points)	0	<ul> <li>Encourages teachers to obtain ECE certification</li> <li>Provides a plan to effectively minimize teacher turnover and absences, and create a pipeline of quality substitute teachers</li> <li>Hiring and placement processes for pre-K teachers prioritize placing highly effective early childhood teachers in VPK classrooms, as measured by teacher effectiveness scores</li> <li>Provides an induction program or protocol for new VPK teachers</li> </ul>	- Identifies core competencies outlining what constitutes an effective pre-K teacher and uses them in the hiring/placement process - Provides a job-embedded mentoring program/process for new VPK teachers	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	

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ll. E. Teacher evaluation (10 points)	<ul> <li>Describes plan for teacher evaluation, including the tool(s) to be used</li> <li>Identifies those responsible for monitoring teachers and improvement plans</li> <li>Explains process for implementing improvement plans for teachers not meeting expectations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Outlines the protocol for how the teacher evaluation tool is used to provide feedback to teachers to improve practice</li> <li>Analyzes district data on pre-K teacher effectiveness</li> <li>Teacher evaluation plan includes implementation of portfolio model to measure student growth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses pre-K teacher effectiveness scores/data to identify best practices</li> <li>Provides plan to strengthen build teacher capacity based on evaluation scores. Plan includes strategies for addressing low performing teachers and for growing those at or above expectations.</li> <li>Student growth portfolio data is considered in plans for building teacher capacity</li> </ul>						
				0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	1
ll. F. Staff development (10 points)	- Provides evidence that VPK teachers and TAs meet minimum professional development requirements outlined in the VPK scope of services - Provides examples of past PDs, seminars, conferences that the district has offered its pre-K teachers	<ul> <li>Articulates plan to improve VPK programs through targeted district wide professional development for VPK teachers</li> <li>Teachers and assistants have a professional development plan that addresses individual needs identified though evaluation process</li> <li>VPK and SPED teachers attend trainings together and collaboration opportunities are evident.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Professional development plans for pre-K teachers are job-embedded and continuous, in addition to one-time trainings</li> <li>District articulates a plan to offer targeted professional development for TAs, as well as teachers</li> <li>District assesses professional development based on teacher feedback, evaluations and program improvements, and uses the data to continuously improve PD offerings</li> <li>Trainings regarding inclusion are evident.</li> </ul>		3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	
ll. G. School and classroom culture (10 points)	<ul> <li>Includes behavior management and discipline policies related to pre-K</li> <li>Provides policy for families</li> <li>Uses positive behavior supports program in schools/programs where VPK classrooms are located</li> <li>Identifies how and when contact with TDOE will take place for behavior and/or attendance challenges</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides evidence of (district, state and/or site-specific) professional training offerings for pre-K staff in Pyramid Model or other positive behavior supports program</li> <li>Evaluates and assesses school/program/classroom culture and uses data to improve practice</li> <li>Provides at least one example of best practice used in VPK programs</li> </ul>	-Provides plan for aligning positive school climate across the pre-K-early grades -A professional development plan is in place (or will be) to provide teacher training and support for best practices in promoting a strong, positive school culture - Provides multiple examples of best practices	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	

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ll. H. Program accountability (1 0points)	-Description includes administrative staff educational background and duties -Identifies staff responsible for completing and submitting required documentation from the state in a timely manner (i.e., application, surveys, ECERS and ELLCO reports) - Identifies staff responsible for teacher evaluations and classroom observations	- Administrative staff have specific time dedicated to pre-K -Routine schedule for classroom observations 2 times per year is in place - Routine schedule for pre-K staff to meet quarterly -Professional development plan for each teacher is in place	<ul> <li>Elementary principals and site based administrators are required to attend early childhood best practice trainings</li> <li>Teacher observations and feedback are provided by administrators with early childhood certification, background and expertise</li> <li>Routine schedule for pre-K and K staff and administrators to plan together more than 2 times per year</li> <li>Routine classroom observations scheduled</li> </ul>						
			4 or more times per year	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	10 pts	Section Score: out of 100 points
III. Community Eng	agement (10 points total)				1	1	l	1	
III.A. Family engagement (5 points)	<ul> <li>Sets expectations that pre-K programs will host at least two family activities or events during the school year</li> <li>Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled at least 2x per school year</li> <li>Includes plan for introducing families and students to VPK sites and teachers</li> <li>Provides information to families about kindergarten registration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Communicates a district plan that sets expectation for programs to host at least 3 parent/family activities or events during the school year, to support learning and/or build community</li> <li>Documents how data from family surveys is used to strengthen program</li> <li>Participation rate for parent-teacher conferences is at an average of 75% or above</li> <li>Provides resources to parents/families during the summer prior to entering kindergarten</li> <li>Helps families navigate the process to register and prepare for kindergarten by offering staff time, resources and educational materials to families</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Data from family survey and other sources demonstrates high parent satisfaction with pre-K program</li> <li>Has a parent participation rate for teacher conferences at 85% or above</li> <li>Trains teachers on how to host effective parent conferences where student progress and work is discussed</li> <li>Offers resources, tools and strategies to parents to support early literacy, language development, early numeracy and/or healthy social- personal competencies at home</li> <li>Has a clear transition plan for pre-k students to visit kindergarten classes, meet teachers and see the routine</li> </ul>	0 pts	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts	

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III. B. Community Pre- K Advisory Council (CPAC) (5 points)	<ul> <li>CPAC list includes name of member, title, role in CPAC, and signature</li> <li>Includes a statement of goals</li> <li>Outlines how frequently council will meet and how meeting minutes are tracked</li> <li>Members of advisory council are in each of the categories outlined in TN code</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes description of how members were recruited</li> <li>CPAC members represent a diverse cross section of community</li> <li>Outlines specific strategies to increase CPAC engagement in the continuous improvement efforts of pre-K programs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CPAC provides input on important changes to VPK programs including changes to enrollment, transportation, curriculum and/or funding</li> <li>CPAC plays a primary role to secure community support for pre-K programs (funding, advocacy and other forms of support)</li> <li>CPAC provides letter of support for this VPK application</li> <li>Highlights successes of CPAC</li> </ul>	0 pts	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts	
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IV. Budget (10 points	total)								
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IV. A. Budget and budget narrative (10 points)	<ul> <li>Is complete and itemized</li> <li>Incudes signature from appropriate</li> <li>finance representative</li> <li>Describes any significant changes to the</li> <li>budget from previous year</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes explanation of any local funding to be used</li> <li>Local funding is in addition to what is expected according to BEP</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes additional funding sources to supplement local and state funds</li> <li>Funds are used specifically for pre-k students, classrooms and staff. Funds used in this capacity focus specifically on sustaining and improving quality</li> </ul>	0 pts	3 pts	5 pts	8 pts	 10 pts	Section Score: out of 10 point:
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V. Bonus points									
V.A. Letter of support (5 points)	-Score per topics and points detailed in bonus template	-Score per topics and points detailed in bonus template	-Score per topics and points detailed in bonus template		o bonus al points	section fo	or possib	le	
V.B. Community partnerships (10 points)	<ul> <li>Include a list of provided comprehensive services provided, if applicable</li> <li>Explains the referral process for families with adequate detail</li> <li>LEA has identified community partners if none currently exist</li> <li>Provides list of priority services needed for families</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Outlines plans to increase the number and effectiveness of community partners to provide comprehensive services for Pre-K families</li> <li>Offers health and dental screenings for pre K students</li> <li>Provides district policy/guidance for an effective referral process for families in crisis and/or need</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides health and social services to families onsite or through a rigorous referral process, with follow-up</li> <li>Has secured MOUs/contracts with at least</li> <li>community partners to provide programs or services to pre-K families</li> <li>Offers extended learning/aftercare in at least 50% of Pre-K sites</li> </ul>						
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