



NOEEN Coordinated Funding Request Process August 29, 2018



A Unified Approach

- BESE Bulletin 140 requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) to work with each Lead Agency to unify funding requests from each provider in the network for “seats” in state-funded early childhood programs (LA4, NSECD, and Preschool Expansion Grant) into a single, annual “coordinated funding request.”
- The goal of NOEEN’s 2018-19 Coordinated Funding Request (CFR) is to ensure that the limited number of publicly-funded early childhood seats are allocated to those programs that:
 - ◆ Meet families’ needs;
 - ◆ Are high quality; and
 - ◆ Are in high demand by parents.

Overview of Available Funding Streams

Funding Stream	Available To	Administered By	2018-19 Seats in Orleans Parish
LA4	Public Schools	LDE	1616
Non Public School Early Childhood Development (NSECD)	Non-Public Schools & Centers	LDE	490
Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG)*	Centers in Partnership with Public Schools	Agenda for Children	160

*Note that at this time we do not expect any PEG seats for the 2019-20 School Year

Building on the 2017-18 CFR

In 2015-16, NOEEN conducted the first Coordinated Funding Request, (CFR) implementing a common timeline, application, and transparent scoring and recommendations process for LA 4, NSECD, and Preschool Expansion Grant allocations.

In 2016-17, the process was improved further to shorten and streamline the process and application materials, and more fully incorporate parent demand data from EnrollNOLA.

In 2017-18, the evaluation metrics included CLASS data and additional parent demand.

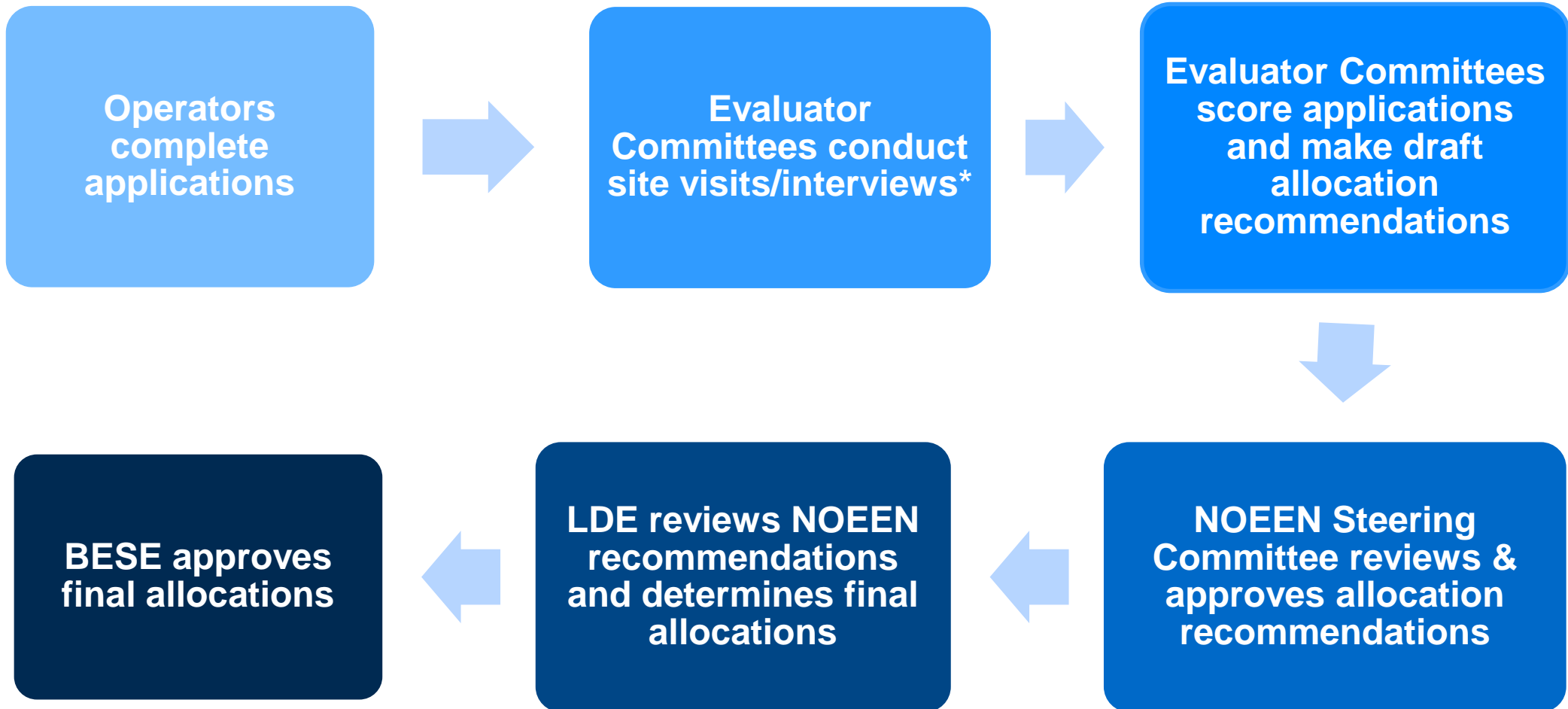
This year, NOEEN is seeking to make the process even better by:

Three years of EnrollNOLA data as a measurement of parent demand

Incorporating CLASS data as a quality measurement

Adding a Special Considerations process to include OPSB portfolio decisions (renewals, closures, turnarounds, etc.)

CFR Process Overview



*Site visits are subject to time and availability of Evaluator Committees, and will not be performed for all applicants. At a minimum, operators who do not currently have an LA 4, PEG, or NSECD program will receive a site visit.

Main CFR Timeline

Date	Action
Sept. 26	NOEEN Steering Committee considers approval of CFR process
Sept. 28	NOEEN releases CFR application
Oct. 2	NOEEN conducts CFR process webinar for operators
Oct. 26	CFR applications due
Oct. 29-Nov. 9	Evaluators score CFR applications and conduct site visits/interviews
Nov. 12-16	Evaluator Committees deliberate to make draft CFR allocation recommendations
Nov. 18	NOEEN publicly posts draft CFR allocation recommendations
Nov. 28	NOEEN Steering Committee considers approval of Evaluator Committees preliminary CFR allocation recommendations
Dec. 1	Agenda submits NOEEN-approved CFR allocation recommendations to LDE
Jan. 23	BESE considers approval of final LDE CFR allocations

Additional *Preliminary* Information to Consider

EnrollNOLA & Family Items

Early Nov.

Main Round Launch

Late Feb.

Main Round Closes & Final Eligibility Determinations

Mid- March

Last day for PK4 Placements

Early April

Notifications to Families

End April

Early Childhood Open Enrollment

OPSB Portfolio Considerations

TBD
(Oct/Nov.)

SPS Scores Released

Mid Nov.

OPSB receives scores and new school/transformation recommendations

Mid Dec.

OPSB Action for renewals/closures

Mid Jan

OPSB can overturn recommendations

Preliminary

NEW Special Considerations Process

Due to the closures and transformations process, there is a delay in notifying families of operator changes. In order to accommodate this process, we recommend a special consideration process to ensure transparent decisions are made.

Date	Action
January 30, 2019	NOEEN Steering Committee informed of OPSB portfolio changes and Special Consideration Requests released
Mid Feb.	Special Considerations application due and evaluations completed
March 5	FYI - Mardi Gras
March 12	NOEEN Steering Committee reviews Special Consideration Requests
March 13	LDE informed of revisions

Only schools/sites that have experienced a change in location, charter, or other major circumstance will be considered during this process and brought to the NOEEN Steering Committee for approval.

APPENDIX

Parent Demand Data

This year, NOEEN has **three years of objective quantitative parent demand data** on all LA 4 and NSECD.

This data allows NOEEN to understand how many seats are needed citywide, and which programs are in higher demand based on data such as:

- # of eligible families applying for seats citywide
- # of families that ranked a program in Main Round or Round 2, and how high they ranked each program
- # of children on each program's waitlist at various points in the process
- # of children enrolled through Late Enrollment
- How quickly or slowly different programs were able to fully enroll classrooms

All programs requesting LA 4 or NSECD seats for 2018-19 will have to submit a CFR application and will be evaluated using parent demand data. Centers or schools that do not have EnrollNOLA data because they have never participated in coordinated enrollment will receive a site visit instead.

Quality Data

NOEEN will continue to incorporate CLASS data as a measurement of quality.

This data allows NOEEN to understand the quality of adult and children interactions in publicly-funded four-year-old classrooms like never before.

In addition to CLASS data, the existing quality data will also be examined:

- Letter Grade (for public schools only)
- Extension and renewal standards for charter schools in the final year of their charter contract
- Scholarship Cohort Index (for nonpublic schools participating in the Scholarship Program)

Scoring & Evaluation

All applications will be scored based on rubrics included in the application materials. How scores will be weighted depends on the type of program.

LA4 & NSECD		
Quality 50%	Parent Demand* 50%	Meeting Families' Needs Bonus Points

**Based on EnrollNOLA data. For applicants that do not have EnrollNOLA data, a site visit will be conducted.*

Scoring & site visits will be conducted by Evaluator Committees comprised of staff with expertise in each of the following:

Evaluator Committees		
Public School Applications	Nonpublic School Applications	Center Applications
1 NOEEN/Agenda staff, 1 OPSB staff	2 La. Dept. of Ed. Staff	2 NOEEN/Agenda staff