

Addendum 11. PK4 Tuition Policy

LA 4-PK4 Tuition Combination Programs can serve to improve quality preschool education systemwide in Orleans Parish by increasing socioeconomic diversity in public school pre-kindergarten programs, and allowing for the distribution of limited LA4 seats among more public schools, which can provide more free or affordable preschool program options for more families. However, NOEEN's first obligation is to families of public funding-eligible children, and to increasing the seats available to these children. Therefore, the following requirements apply to any NOEEN LA 4-PK4 Tuition Combination Program in an effort to ensure that all eligible families have access to a free PK4 seat in Orleans Parish.

This addendum outlines the various requirements for charter schools in Orleans Parish offering PK4 Tuition seats in combination with LA 4 seats. These requirements align with state LA 4 requirements, the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Framework, and OPSB Policy H, *Charter Schools*.

Requirements for 2016-17 LA 4-PK4 Tuition Combination Programs

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	PK4 tuition programs at schools where there are one or more four-year-olds being served through LA 4.
Request to Offer LA 4-PK4 Tuition Combination Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The only charter schools that shall be permitted to provide LA 4-K4 Tuition Combination Programs for the 2016-17 school year are those charter schools that indicated a plan to provide tuition PK4 seats in writing through NOEEN's 2016-17 Coordinated Funding Request or subsequent process to finalize PK4 seats for Round 2 of OneApp based on BESE-approved LA 4 allocations.• All charter schools shall charge no more than \$4,580 total for the 2016-17 school year for PK4 Tuition unless the charter school makes a formal request to charge a higher amount as provided for below:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Requests must be submitted in writing to kristen_illarmo@rsdla.net no later than April 15, 2016○ Requests must include the proposed tuition amount(s) and written justification or documentation demonstrating that the tuition amount for any child does not exceed the average per child amount the school spends for LA 4 eligible children in the class, excluding the costs for classroom space and utilities.
Tuition amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition may be charged for any child who does not meet eligibility requirements (185% or less of the Federal Poverty Level) or has an IEP (funded through MFP).• Per LDE guidelines, the tuition amount for any child cannot exceed the average per child amount the school spends for LA 4 eligible children in the class. When determining the average per child cost, costs for classroom space and utilities are to be excluded.• EnrollNOLA may require reporting and documentation, as necessary, throughout the year to verify the amount of tuition being charged, payments received, etc.
Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LA 4 and PK4 Tuition children must be enrolled through EnrollNOLA according to the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Framework.¹
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PK4 Tuition children and LA 4 children must be served together, and not separated into distinct groups or classrooms.• All LA 4 requirements apply to the entire classroom and cover both LA 4 children and PK4 tuition children. 2015-16 LA 4 requirements can be found here: http://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/early-childhood/2014-15-requirements-and-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=14
Transition to Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All LA 4 students will be given a guarantee or first priority to enroll in the charter school's kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year.• PK4 Tuition students may also be given a guarantee or first priority to enroll in the charter school's kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year, but only if at least 50% of the school's total Kindergarten enrollment is reserved for continuing publicly funded students, economically disadvantaged students, students who are enrolled by lottery, or a combination thereof.

Prior to the 2016 Main Round Process, EnrollNOLA shall present to NOEEN a revised PK4 Tuition Policy to NOEEN for approval. The policy shall be developed by EnrollNOLA in cooperation with New Orleans charter school operators.

Please note that this addendum is not applicable to PK4 tuition programs that are provided by charter schools that do not serve LA 4 students.

¹ Per OPSB Policy HA, OPSB charter schools serving PK4 tuition may choose to enroll PK4 Tuition students for the 2016-17 school year through a separate application process (other than OneApp).