



**New Jersey Department of Education
Division of Early Childhood Education
Office of Preschool Finance**

FY2026-2027 BUDGET NARRATIVE

This document is to be completed by the district and submitted with the PEA budget workbook. The district should provide as much information/detail as possible in the boxes below so that the budget can be approved. If a line item is not be used in the budget, please state "Line item not being used." Items being purchased with PEA funds must be for preschool use only and narrative below should reflect that the items/materials are for preschool use only. If your district has stand alone preschool buildings, please note this in the budget narrative below and indicate when items are being budgeted for stand alone preschool buildings.

DATE: 3/31/26	District: Glassboro	District Code: 1730
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Do you contract with Head Start and/or a Local Childcare Providers?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If yes, please provide a copy of each provider's budget workbook for our files.</p> <p><i>Please note, it is the district's responsibility to review and approve these budgets. The Division of Early Childhood Education will not be reviewing for approval purposes.</i></p>
			<p>If no, please explain why you are not contracting for Preschool services with Local Providers and/or Head Start.</p>

Will your district be withholding funds from your Private Provider and/or Head start Agencies?	Yes	No	If yes, below please explain what budget category your district will be withholding and why your district is withholding. Also, included the total percentage withheld from each Private Provider and/or Head Start budget.
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<p>Please provide a recoupment plan. If your district withheld funds and did not use all the funds- please provide a plan for reissuing the unspent funds back to the Private Provider and/or Head-Start.</p>			
<p>Do you use consultants to provide any of the required positions (Preschool Instructional Coach, Preschool Intervention Specialist, etc.)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No X</p>	<p>If yes, please provide the following below: Position(s) consultant is fulfilling Name of consultant providing service Number of classrooms under each position Number of hours per week consultant is in the district (per position) Duties of consultant (by position) Any other districts the consultant is serving and the number of classrooms</p>

Name of Line	Acct #	Please provide the detailed budget line information
Purchased Professional Educational Service	100-321	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracted Teacher Assistants through ESS as needed (\$145,829.00) • Teaching Strategies GOLD and Student Portfolios (\$40,000.00) <p>Total Costs: \$185,829.00</p>
Other Purchased Service	100-500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Trips (\$5,000.00) <p>Total Costs: \$5,000.00</p>
Supplies & Materials	100-600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Classroom Supplies and Materials for 11 classrooms (\$22,000.00) • Classroom Materials for 2 additional classrooms added for the 2026-2027 school year (\$20,000.00) <p>Total Costs: \$42,000.00</p>

Other Object	100-800	
Purchased Professional Educational Service	200-329	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Workshops (\$3,000.00) <p>Total Costs: \$3,000.00</p>
Other Purchased Service	200-330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Services/SRO from Borough (\$30,000.00) <p>Total Costs: \$30,000.00 (\$22,000.00 is the shared cost of the preschool building-based SRO. \$8,000.00 is a preschool shared cost of the district floating SRO).</p>

Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance Services	200-420	
Rentals	200-440	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copiers (\$8,015.00)• Site Rental Fee at Rowan University (\$35,500.00) Total Costs: \$43,515.00
Transportation	200-511	

Contracted Services (Field Trips)	200-516	
Travel	200-580	
Miscellaneous Purchased Services	200-590	

Other Object	200-800	
Instructional Equipment	400-731	
Non-Instructional Equipment	400-732	

CARRY OVER

CARRY OVER AMOUNT & Year of Carryover	Please provide a brief description of why your district is carrying funds over.
\$284,467,00 from 2025-2026 to 2026-2027	<p>We are reallocating Preschool Education Aid (PEA) carryover from the 2025–2026 fiscal year into the 2026–2027 budget to ensure the continued stability and effectiveness of our preschool program. This reflects the responsible and strategic use of existing funds to support ongoing program costs and planned expansion.</p> <p>Due to prior limitations in budgeting carryover within a single fiscal year, the district continues to apply a measured approach to ensure that available funds are aligned with actual program costs across budget cycles. This approach supports fiscal responsibility while maintaining program quality.</p> <p>For the 2026–2027 school year, the district has accounted for anticipates increased costs associated with the recently settled Glassboro Education Association agreement. Additionally, the budget accounts for significant increases primarily related to employee benefits, which have risen by approximately 11.63% overall. These increases reflect general cost growth in benefits, including changes in coverage selections and typical life events. In addition, we are experiencing rising professional services costs and increased utilization of those services. Salary increases have also contributed to overall cost growth, particularly as the district prepares for the first year of opening additional preschool classrooms.</p> <p>The district is also planning for thoughtful program expansion, including the addition of two preschool classrooms. In preparation for this expansion, we have remained judicious in our use of funds to ensure long-term sustainability.</p> <p>The reallocation of 2025–2026 carryover into the 2026–2027 budget will allow the district to responsibly manage increased costs, support planned expansion, and maintain high-quality preschool programming without creating future budget instability.</p>

District Business Administrator Certification:

By signing this narrative, you will be approving all your districts budgeted items:


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 NAME and TITLE

4/1/2026

 DATE