**Assurances for the** ***Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines 2018***

***School Year 2023-2024***

Superintendents,

Please complete the following information that addresses compliance and acknowledgement of the [*Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines*](https://www.mdek12.org/sites/default/files/apa_k_guidelines_final_9-20-18.pdf). This manual has been prepared for use by administrators, counselors, teachers, and other authorized staff in the kindergarten programs of Mississippi and is to be used as a guide in facilitating accredited state or other funded kindergarten programs.

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| School District Name |  |
| School District Number (not phone) |  |
| Superintendent Name |  |
| Superintendent Email  |  |
| District Kindergarten Administrator Name |  |
| District Kindergarten Administrator Email |  |
| District does not have kindergarten: (yes or no response) |  |
| Number of kindergarten classrooms |  |

Please initial on each line of the following items that you, the superintendent, understand and acknowledge the policies surrounding each component of the Guidelines and intend to implement and follow procedure*.*

\_\_\_\_ Voluntary Enrollment (Guidelines pages 8-9)

\_\_\_\_ Researched- and evidence-based curriculum (Guidelines page 10)

\_\_\_\_Utilization of thematic units, learning centers, center space limitations, use of

 technology, and resources (Guidelines pages 10-13)

\_\_\_\_Educational materials (Guidelines page 16)

\_\_\_\_ Screenings/Assessments/Documentation (Guidelines pages 13-15)

\_\_\_\_ Maximum classroom size (Guidelines page 16)

\_\_\_\_ Teacher-child-ratios (Guidelines page 16)

\_\_\_\_Organization/schedule for daily activities (Guidelines pages 16-17)

\_\_\_\_ Staff requirements (Guidelines pages 18-19)

\_\_\_\_ Plan to achieve 8 hours of professional development specific to early childhood

 education (Guidelines page 19)

\_\_\_\_Family engagement (Guidelines page 20)

\_\_\_\_Transportation (Guidelines page 21)

\_\_\_\_Physical settings (Guidelines pages 22-29)

\_\_\_\_Outside play (Guidelines page 30)

By signing this statement, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (superintendent name) hereby certifies and assures that the school district attesting to these assurances shall comply with the above components of the *Mississippi Kindergarten Guidelines* in accordance with Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard 17.1 compliance requirements, and MDE policy and requirements pertaining to this program. The applicant certifies further that the information submitted on this document is true and correct.

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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