

## **A Sampling of Questions Submitted regarding the AB 172 RFA**

*Below are some of the questions regarding the AB 172 application that have been submitted so far at [www.karenhillscott.com/ab172\\_questions](http://www.karenhillscott.com/ab172_questions). They are displayed exactly as entered (typos and all) with some minor editing to remove identifying information. **Be sure to submit your questions by Wednesday, December 20, 2006!***

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4-Can licensed family childcare providers apply for AB172 funds for their preschool children?-12/6/2006 2:50

5-Are start up child development programs allowed to apply?-12/6/2006 8:42

6-Are the AB172 funds for center-based programs only?-12/6/2006 8:42

7-What will be the criteria for full-day applicants, in addition to applying for the part-day state preschool funding?-12/6/2006 8:42

8-How will the funding for possible renovation/leasing work?-12/6/2006 8:42

9-On what criteria should the budget line items be based on for leasing, staff salaries, materials, equipment, etc..-12/6/2006 8:42

10-The purpose of AB 172 is to better prepare children to enter school. The most basic requirement for school success is that children be healthy. There is absolutely no provision in this bill for training all these new teachers how to provide for the health and safety of the children in their care. There are increasing numbers of children with chronic health conditions entering care and very little understanding on the part of child care providers on how to deal with those problems. In our experience here, the level of education in health and safety issues in most child care settings is very low. Child care is the ideal setting in which to ensure that all children in care have medical homes. To focus solely on literacy and ignore basic health and safety issues is short-sighted and unfortunate for those children who will be cared for in these settings. How are these programs going to ensure the health and safety of children?-12/6/2006 16:52

11-Is there a limit to the amount of funding that can be requested?-12/6/2006 18:23

12-What is the plan for funding the parent adult education costs?-12/6/2006 18:26

13-What is the intensity of parenting education that is expected for families to participate in?-12/6/2006 18:26

14-What is the intensity of parent/child interactive activities that families will be doing?-12/6/2006 18:26

18-In our city, no school has a decile of less than 7. However, less than 1 mile away, there are schools with deciles of 2 and 3 in the city of Lawndale. We serve low income families with our state preschool contract. Are we eligible to apply for AB 172 funding?-12/6/2006 18:52



19-why is it that some school district cannot apply for the AB172 monies because they have worked hard to raise their test scores?-12/6/2006 21:01

20-Will monies come to those above API levels 3?-12/6/2006 21:01

21-What if you don't have a site, yet have a history of providing CDE services to children. How much time will be provided to startup programs?-12/6/2006 22:14

22-Will funding be ongoing and renewable, or one-time-only? -12/6/2006 22:14

23-Is this funding intended for the creation of new preschool slots, or can it be used to enhance existing slots?-12/6/2006 22:52

24-Our center feeds into multiple elementary schools with a wide range of API ranks, anywhere from the 2nd to the 6th deciles. Because of the higher ranking schools in our area, does this preclude us from applying? It should be noted that both the middle school and high school in our area are low ranking 2nd decile.-12/6/2006 22:52

25-Is this one-time funding or a continuing source of funds? Apologies if this was covered in the legislation -- have not had time to read the bill.-12/6/2006 22:52

26-Hi,As a preschool teacher for 37 years my question to you is Will AB 172 include all preschool children or just the children who qualify for Head Start and State Preschool?-12/6/2006 23:57

27-Will private child care centers be able to serve preschool children too?-12/6/2006 23:57

28-Will the lower and middle class working parents be able to put their children into a preschool of their choice?-12/6/2006 23:57

29-How long is it going to take to actually implement AB 172? Our children need preschool now and the longer we keep doing the paperwork the more we are hurting our children's future.-12/6/2006 23:57

30-Can a parent be the third adult in the class to meet ratio? We would hire a teacher and one aide and request parents volunteer daily.-12/7/2006 4:41

31-We have a school district that does fall into one of the Local Planning Council priority areas, but does not have any API 1-3 schools. If there are not enough applications from Counties will CDE open the availability of funding to schools with higher API scores? -12/7/2006 19:36

32-Our preschool program is not located in a Priority 1 area, but we provide a specialized program for children with severe emotional problems. Would it be useful to apply for the funding if we are not in a designated area?-12/7/2006 22:48

33-If all of the funds are not spent, what will happen with these funds?-12/7/2006 23:29

34-Our county does not have school in deciles 1-3. We currently have 1 private half day preschool, 5 private full day preschools, 2 head start programs 1 is half day, and 4 state preschools all half day. We believe that all children should have an opportunity to attend quality preschools. What process needs to happen to change the wording of AB172 so that all of our 3 and 4 year olds can attend quality preschools and prepare for kindergarten? -12/7/2006 23:29

35-If I will not have a facility until September, 2007 should I still apply for funding?-12/8/2006 0:30



36-I would like to put a program at my child development center however, the center feeds into many schools in the district and they are not all below the 3rd percentil. What should I do? - 12/8/2006 0:30

37-Is it necessary to have a current program to apply for funds? I am a preschool teacher and have always wanted to set up a program but didn't have funds.-12/8/2006 2:29

38-Dear Karen,We would like clarification on the language of AB 172. The application states, Participating programs must be located in the attendance areas of elementary schools that have been ranked in the base Academic Performance Index API deciles 1-3 in 2005. In our school district, we have school located in a decile 1 area. However, this is a magnet school and children must apply to attend it. It does not have an attendance area. Children attend this school from throughout our district. The children living in the low decile area are assigned to other neighborhood schools. We do not have space available for preschool classroom at the magnet school. We do have space available at the assigned neighborhood schools where children living in the low decile area will attend kindergarten. We would like to apply for AB 172 funding based on the API score of magnet school but have the preschool located at one of the neighborhood schools where the low-decile area children will attend in kindergarten. May we do this?Thank you for your time and assistance with this.-12/8/2006 2:39

39-What agencies can apply? -12/8/2006 3:07

40-What are the requirements?-12/8/2006 3:07

41-If a program applies this year and is accepted but does not serve children during 2006-07, is the program eligible for 2007-08 continuation funding, and are there any consequences for this scenario?-12/8/2006 6:10

42-Dose the application process allow for child care centers to apply for AB 172 funds?- 12/8/2006 14:56

43-Is AB 172 funding available to assist in the application process to become a child care center?-12/8/2006 14:56

44-The application states that preference will be given to programs in the LPC priority communities. CDE lists Priority One communities and Priority Two communities for our county. Will preference be given to both priority 1 and 2 communities? If so, will preference first be given to priority 1 communities over priority 2 communities? -12/8/2006 19:08

45-Does AB172 include funding for Family Support in addition to education?-12/8/2006 20:34

46-Can a full day program operate on the same calendar as the elementary school instead of the 246 days per year? -12/8/2006 20:43

47-Can you provide further clarification of the full allocation -- what does the percent-to-total of children mean?-12/8/2006 20:43

48-Is the 2500 per program in one place and classroom in another allocated per session?- 12/8/2006 20:43

49-Can funds be used with First Five School Readiness to provide full day services 6 hours per day?-12/8/2006 20:43

50-Can appendices be attached to the 20 page limit?Do multiple copies of the Determining Agency and Priority Certification count as multiple pages? Large districts might have 10 or more pages just with that form.-12/8/2006 20:43



51-Can children in a classroom be mixed -- some funded by State Pre-k, some over income with AB 172 and some with School Readiness First Five funds as long as staff, materials, etc is prorated to meet the funding source?-12/8/2006 20:58

52-I was wondering how we can find out if our childcare program serves an area that is underserved? What agency would I consult for this information. -12/8/2006 22:06

53-Are non-profit charter schools eligible for Ab 172 funding?-12/10/2006 19:40

54-How do we know if we are a qualifying agency that serve preschool children in low-performing school areas -12/11/2006 16:39

56-We are a community based organization in southern California. We offer free, high quality pre-school education and family literacy programs. We have both a First 5 Los Angeles Family Literacy Program and an Even Start Family Literacy Program. Our school district has three schools in deciles 1-3. Although our physical location is not within the specific attendance area of those three schools, many of the families who come to our preschool do live in the attendance area of one of the low performing schools. Are we eligible to apply for the AB 172 funding?-12/11/2006 17:46

57-I can not attend the teleconference- How can I receive the information about the application process anyway?-12/11/2006 18:28

58-Is funding open to all preschools- publicreceiving state subsidies and or private non-profit?-12/11/2006 18:28

59-If there is a new school in a geographic area that previously served API 1,2 or 3 schools, can it be included? Replaced a previous school that was closed, but does not yet have an API score-12/11/2006 20:52

61-If we are currently receiving a state preschool contract, can we apply to have some of them funded full year full time?-12/12/2006 16:38

62-Is the 2,500 per existing center a monthly or yearly amount?-12/12/2006 16:38

63-We currently have a Migrant and Migrant Special Services Contract with the CDE and we service 112 children from 430am-500pm. We are applying for part time Family Literacy funds to service an additional 112 children and Families in the same facility we use during day at night during the hours of 500pm-830pm1Is this possible????-12/12/2006 19:21

64-2Can interested families from our day session be enrolled in the evening session Literacy Program????-12/12/2006 19:21

65-3This will be a 3.5 hour evening program would we have to offer Supper or will Evening Snack be okay????-12/12/2006 19:21

66-4Is it required that the parents be present during every hour of the session and every day of the program year??? -12/12/2006 19:21

67-5 We have Bilingual Staff Is it mandatory that we offer ESL Classes on site to our parents????-12/12/2006 19:21



68-If an eligible preschool is partially funded by Head Start @ 200monthchild, can the preschool use PKFLP funds to augment the existing funding stream? Or does the PKFLP require that the preschool expand its operations to serve more children?-12/12/2006 22:30

69-If the preschool already operates a full day program that is partially funded by Head Start, can the PKFLP partial day funding be utilized? That is, can the am program be funded by Head Start and the pm program be funded by the PKFLP partial day program funds?-12/12/2006 22:30

70-Will there be a way to connect agencies not able to apply as a lead to connect with those who are for the purpose of forming a collaborative. Some agencies have unique technical assistance expertise they could offer to improve the quality of the lead agency's application.-12/13/2006 15:25

72-is the funding only for children enrolled in the funded preschool program ..or can other children enrolled in other preschool program also received services from the Adult Literacy Component - 12/14/2006 0:10

73-Is there any model program relating to the Adult Literacy Component that one can reserach and study..??-12/14/2006 0:10

74-Is the maximum reimbursement rate paid on actual daily attendance or on average daily attendance of enrolled students?-12/14/2006 0:20

75-I would like to know if licensed family child care programs which provide a preschool curriculum are eligible as applicants for AB172 funds. Particularly an Accredited program, and also where the early childhood educator is trained as an California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher. It is my hope that consideration was given of licensed family child care programs providing preschool curriculum, and meeting quality standards. Thank you.-12/14/2006 0:21

76-Is there a maximum reimbursement amount per child?-12/14/2006 0:48

77-Is there a maximum amount we can request per classroom?-12/14/2006 0:48

78-Are there any funding limitations or can we ask for the amount we believe a quality program costs?-12/14/2006 0:48

79-We currently pay a small percentage of our State Preschool grant to the school district for their indirect costs. Will AB 172 have this same provision?-12/14/2006 1:14

80-Can 3 year olds be served in the same classroom if we only seek reimbursement for 4 year olds?-12/14/2006 13:50

81-Will the AB172 funds be available to existing general child care programs? Also, do we need to offer seperate classrooms or can the funding be used in General Child Care Facilities, currently operating?-12/14/2006 16:04

82-Can California Indian tribes apply for AB 172 funds?-12/14/2006 16:31

84-A total of 812,894.00 has been allocated for Ventura County for Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Programs per the application package. Award sums per program will be based on daily attendance by the number of certified children in eligible programs. Only a small number of children can potentially be served. For exampleFor Part-Day Programs, reimbursable at 20.30 per day for 175-180 days, only 222 228 children can be served annually with the amount allocated. How will the Superintendents Collaborative select the specific sets of eligible children, schools and districts to be served with the available funds?-12/14/2006 20:44



85-Full-Day Programs will be selected by lottery only. The guidelines permit only one class room to be funded per applicant agency. If the collaborative grant is selected in the lottery for a single Full-Day classroom, of no more than 20 children how will the collaborative select the single school district, school attendance area, and prekindergarten site that will be the provider of that one full day program? -12/14/2006 20:44

86-Since a site-specific geographic determination is a requirement of the application for these funds see page 7 of the Management Bulletin 06-12 Appendix, how will the Superintendents Collaborative determine the specific API Decile 1-3 school attendance areas that will be served? What kind of participation will individual district superintendents have in the selection of these sites, particularly where preschool and Early Start providers are already working with children who will enter schools in the Childcare Planning Priority Areas that are identified at the required API Deciles 1-3?-12/14/2006 20:44

87-How will the Superintendents Collaborative select program providers? Will the superintendents in each district have any say in the selection of sub-contracted providers particularly where there may already be positive successful relationships in place within a district?-12/14/2006 20:44

88-How will the Superintendents Collaborative address the extremely specific application requirements for sample lesson plans, meals plans, and staffing plans? How will it meet the requirements for parent involvement and parent literacy skills education as well as for staffs professional development?-12/14/2006 20:44

89-Does the Superintendents Collaborative intend to seek facilities funding? If so, in what district will any new facilities be constructed?-12/14/2006 20:45

90-Is there a specific goal for the collaborative to benefit eligible children in all eligible schools equally?-12/14/2006 20:45

91-Has CDE approved the whole-county approach to application for these funds? The application format and requirements does not even mention collaboration and emphasizes the site specific-12/14/2006 20:45

92-Our current Even Start programming operates for 240 days per year. Is it permissible for a part-day program to be awarded funding for 240 days of activity rather than 175-180 days? -12/14/2006 23:15

93-Prekindergarten students from multiple schools with API scores in deciles 1 3 participate in our programming. The entire district is included in an LCP Area identified as Priority 1. Do we need make additional copies of the Determining Agency Eligibility and Priority Certification form so that we can collect signatures from principals at each of the area's schools, or can the District Superintendent sign on behalf of all of the schools in the District?-12/14/2006 23:15

94-Is it permissible for a single LEA to apply for all of the funds allocated to a county and then sub-contract with eligible sites it selects to deliver services? -12/14/2006 23:15

95-Are these funds intended to be awarded on a site-by-site basis in accordance with the eligibility criteria listed in the Appendix? -12/14/2006 23:15

96-Are counties being encouraged to submit collaborative applications that distribute funding for a select number of certified prekindergarten students in each of the identified LCP priority areas who will attend eligible sites?-12/14/2006 23:15



97-Is an existing site delivering an Even Start program in a license-exempt facility eligible to apply for these funds to expand its services to provide a specialized program for four-year-olds? - 12/14/2006 23:18

98-Is our interpretation of the guidelines correct that an active Even Start program at a license exempt center operated by a private non-profit organization will satisfy the eligibility requirements on the basis that it is a private local educational agency providing services at a license-exempt site?-12/14/2006 23:18

99-Could you please clarify for us the start date of the grant period for which funds are being awarded? -12/14/2006 23:18

100-We notice that the funding period is January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007. However, the final grant award notification is scheduled to be made February 28, 2007. Since our budget will rely on the number of days for which we will be providing services, could you please advise us of the commencement and ending dates of the term of the grant for which funds will be awarded if our proposal is selected. -12/14/2006 23:18

101-Is there any point in a program outside of a low API 1 - 3 applying? e.g. 4 or 5 If there are not enough applications from API 1 - 3 areas, would API 4+ programs be considered?-12/14/2006 23:32

102-Do eligible programs have to be in in an LPC priority 1 zip code or can they be, for example, in an LPC priority 2 or 3 zip code?-12/14/2006 23:32

103-We are located in a school of choice school district i.e., residents are not required to attend their neighborhood schools. Therefore, being located in a school attendance area doesn't mean that we feed to that school. Is it reasonable to determine a general geographic area, say a certain mile radius, surrounding our center to determine the schools upon which we would base API eligibility rather than using our physical address alone to determine the school?-12/14/2006 23:36

104-If a school district meets all of the requirements of the AB 172 - Preschool and Family Literacy Program PKFLP can the district apply on it's own for funds instead of going through the local county office? Will the district be penalized if applying on it's own even though it has all of the collaborative partners to ensure a successful program?-12/15/2006 1:04

105-If you work for a school district and have multiple preschools do we duplicate page 3?- 12/15/2006 2:37

106-If you work for a school district can you get the Superintendent or Director to for all the principals?-12/15/2006 2:37

107-If you have existing state preschools that are in decile 1,2,3 areas can you apply for this grant in order to get the extra classroom money to support family literacy and staff development?- 12/15/2006 2:37

108-Does a full day program include wrap around programs that is funded by half by Head Start and half by State?-12/15/2006 2:37

109-To apply for the 2500 per site for 2006-2007, which pages of the application must be completed?-12/15/2006 4:08

110-Do we need to submit an application for a 12 day class in order to apply for the 2500 per site? Can we submit for either or both?-12/15/2006 4:08



111-What is the minimum number of slots that an existing state preschool contractor could apply for? Does expansion have to be in increments of say 4, 8, 16 or 24? Will preference be given to those who expand in larger increments? What about rural low API districts with only four 4 year olds for example?-12/15/2006 17:19

112-How many hours constitute a half-day of services and how many hours constitute a full-day?-12/15/2006 20:28

113-Is there a minimum number of children we must be serving in each classroom or at each school?-12/15/2006 20:28

114-Can grant-funded children and private-pay children be combined in one classroom, or do we have to have a full classroom of grant-funded children?-12/15/2006 20:28

115-Are there income or other at-risk factors that need to be met for families/children to be eligible? Or is anyone eligible to participate in the program?-12/15/2006 20:28

116-How do we complete the paperwork to apply for multiple sites in multiple counties? Do we just duplicate any site-specific pages?-12/15/2006 20:28

117-Our school district has a preschool site where parents who work or attend school full time can enroll their children for full-time childcare for families with low income levels. 79 of the children who attend this facility feed into 4 Elementary Schools that are all underperforming and 1,2 or 3 decile API. When I put the preschool address in the system to determine the school attendance area, the school that appears is a school that is not a low decile school. Does that mean that we cannot apply for AB172 funding?-12/15/2006 20:55

118-The narrative section requires specific responses on a daily curriculum including time periods, based on state-funded requirements. Is there a resource to view sample daily programs that includes time periods?-12/16/2006 16:21

119-Do you have a resource for nutritious daily snacks within a half day program?-12/16/2006 16:21

120-Is the time required half-day program 3 or 312 hours per day?-12/16/2006 16:21

121-The limit on the number of pages is clear for the narrative. Does the page limit include the curriculum plan and menu that are to be submitted?-12/16/2006 20:59

122-The law requires priority for programs headquartered in a particular county for RFA's. This appears not to be included in the application. Will the headquartered criteria be incorporated in the results of the RFA review?-12/16/2006 20:59

123-The 2500 per classroom for the family literacy, etc. grant is not clear if this includes a classroom with 24 children, 12 funded through AB 172 and 12 funded by prior state preschool funding? What if there is only one AB 172 child funded in a classroom in terms of the 2,500 allocation?-12/16/2006 21:02

124-What if the principal of an elementary school refuses to sign that the school proposed for AB 172 services is a 1-3 decile school. This could happen for a variety of reasons including that they are also applying, the principal does not have the authority to sign, they are concerned it may commit the school in some manner. IS there another method to show that the proposed location is in the 1-3 decile? -12/16/2006 21:04



125-If an organization or school district is funded for both AB 172 part day and also the funds for extending the day, will the contract from the state be one or two contracts? One or two reports to the state? Will the extended program funding be treated similar to GWRAP?-12/16/2006 21:10

126-If the average program operates 10 hours a day and the part day reimbursement is 20.30 and the balance of the day would be funded at 12.59, this computes to less than 1.80 per hour of services. No twelve year old babysitter charges this rate. How can the California Department of Education in good conscience not change this. AB 172 was ultimately written by the Department after agreement by the Big Five.-12/16/2006 21:10

127-I am a preschool teacher with an already established Pre-K program serving 30 children. My question is can I apply for AB172? Can this funding apply to my center?-12/18/2006 19:02

128-If you have a licenced child care center serving 30 children and 15 of them are already on asseted programs can all 30 children still stay in the same program and will the center be funded the daily rate of care?-12/18/2006 19:02

129-Can this program consist of a half day and a full day program?-12/18/2006 19:02

130-On page 23 of the Management Bulletin, Section VIII-B asks the applicant to enter the proposed minimum days of operation for Part-Day Program, which must be between 175-180 per year. Is 180 the maximum days of operation, and if not, what is the maximum proposed days of operation for a part-day program? -12/18/2006 19:30

131-On page 26 of the management bulletin, it notes that the minimum number of days of operation for a full day program is 246. Is there a maximum number of days of operation? - 12/18/2006 19:30

