

Early Education Leaders

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Summary of Early Educational Leaders Council

The primary highlights from the ACSA Early Childhood Education Council Meeting included a new partnership with Zearn, a nonprofit providing a top-rated math learning platform, which may offer resources for districts. Council business focused on preparing for the upcoming Leadership Summit in San Francisco in November 2025, where a dedicated strand of workshops will be offered to support early childhood administrators with crucial topics like UPK administrator capacity, play-based learning, and developmentally appropriate practices. These workshops directly address the recognized need for specialized knowledge in managing ECE programs, and members are encouraged to respond to a survey to help shape the topics. A significant CDE update is the upcoming release of a revised Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) for state preschools in 2026-27, with a soft launch in 2025-26, and districts will receive guidance on its use. Finally, the legislative update revealed that the council is supporting bills aimed at reducing reporting burdens and improving teacher preparation, while opposing those that increase compliance oversight or lack accurate data collection.

