

August 2025



PA KEI Update

[Get info about the KEI](#)



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

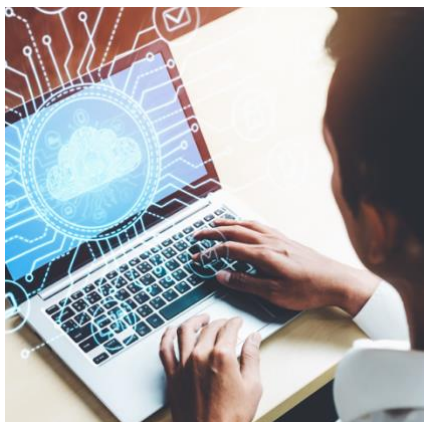
Welcome back to a new school year. As kindergarten teachers and school administrators begin this academic journey together, we look forward to your continued dedication to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for the Commonwealth's youngest learners. Our team remains committed to supporting you every step of the way throughout the year.

If you are your school's Point of Contact (POC), Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) staff will request your school's start date via email. After the system opens on August 18, 2025, at noon, please ensure the correct start date for your school is entered into either the upload template or the PA KEI system. If the date is incorrect, please contact CSIU staff at: KEI@csiu.org.

Technical Support staff are available by phone from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday–Friday:

- For Jeff Kay: 570-523-1155, x2137
- For Christy Veitch: 570-523-1155, x2293

Technical support questions during off hours should be directed to KEI@csiu.org.



Student Data Upload Process

District or building administrators in the PA KEI System have the ability to create an electronic file that contains student and/or classroom data that can be sent to the PA KEI team for uploading into the PA KEI Database. By taking advantage of this process, you will drastically cut down the time it will take teachers to manually enter this data into the PA KEI system.

Directions for completing this process can be found by clicking the following [link](#).



Communicating with your Implementing Teachers!

Effective communication among Points of Contact (POCs), administrative staff, and implementing teachers is essential for the successful implementation of PA KEI. School-specific PA KEI webpages are valuable tools for sharing information with implementing teachers. If your school maintains a PA KEI webpage, please ensure the content remains current, as the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) frequently adds or updates guidance and resources.

For the MOST up-to-date information, please link directly to the PA KEI landing page at www.kei-pa.org whenever possible.

The [PA KEI User's Manual](#) is available for the 2025-2026 school year.



Want to get or stay involved in the Early Childhood Education Community and Networks?

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

NAEYC is the premier membership association for early learning educators. NAEYC is available to help all ECE educators on the journey to improve educational opportunities for all young children. NAEYC offers four membership categories—Entry (Digital) Level, Standard, Premium, and Family—each with unique benefits. Click [here](#) for more information on how to join.

PA Early Ed News

Stay current with the latest Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) information.

The PA Early Ed News is a monthly e-newsletter to inform early learning professionals, the early childhood community, school district staff, policymakers, community leaders, and the public on developments in early childhood education and care in Pennsylvania. The newsletter is free and available to anyone.

When you subscribe to PA Early Ed News, you will receive OCDEL special announcements that will keep you updated on current information. For more information and to subscribe, click [here](#).

Early Childhood Education Summit

The ECE Summit is an opportunity to dialogue and learn while building a stronger early learning community. Discover trends in Best Practices – learn from ECE experts and earn up to 12 professional development hours that meet Act 48 requirements. Network with your peers – network with colleagues and organizations that provide materials, services, and resources for the ECE community. Learn About State and National Policies and Priorities – learn how current state and national policies impact the ECE system and are critical to programs serving young children and families.

The ECE Summit is at the Penn State in State College, PA, October 19 - 21, 2025. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Need a Password Reset?



Resetting your password for PA KEI data system:

1. Go to the website: <http://kei-pa.org>
2. Select the *Data System Login* tab.
3. Click on the *I forgot my password* link located below the login boxes.
4. You will be asked to enter your Username, which should be your school email address.
5. A password reset email will be sent to you.
6. Follow the instructions in the email.



Professional Development is REQUIRED for Implementing Teachers!

All kindergarten teachers who have not previously participated in PA KEI implementation must complete the required professional development course to ensure implementation fidelity, obtain a certificate of completion, and gain access to the web-based system. Certificates are valid for five years—teachers who completed the course and obtained a proficient user certificate in 2020 or later are eligible. Any certificates received in or before 2019 must be renewed by completing the online professional development. CSIU staff have contacted these teachers via email.

Regardless of proficiency status, all teachers should review the PA KEI materials (with priority focus on the Inventory and User Manual) each year. All resources can be found at www.kei-pa.org.

The professional development protocol is live for the 2025-2026 school year and consists of self-paced, asynchronous, online learning lessons and a final knowledge check. After viewing each lesson, participants complete a 10-question final knowledge check. They must score at least 80 percent to receive their proficient user certificate, valid for five years from the completion date.

The professional development protocol can be found at www.kei-pa.org. Click on the Professional Development button or tab to access. Participants will need their PPID number and LEA AUN to receive login credentials.

PA KEI Teacher and Administrator Software Trainings Announced for 2025

Teacher training dates are as follows:

[Thursday, August 28 – 7 AM](#)
[Thursday, August 28 – 3:30 PM](#)
[Tuesday, September 2 – 7 AM](#)
[Tuesday, September 2 – 3:30 PM](#)
[Thursday, September 4 – 7 AM](#)
[Thursday, September 4 – 3:30 PM](#)
[Wednesday, September 10 – 7 AM](#)
[Wednesday, September 10 – 3:30 PM](#)

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

For scheduling conflicts, please email KEI@csiu.org.

Subscribing to the eNewsletter

If you have a co-worker participating in KEI but does not receive the newsletter, email Christy at cveitch@csiu.org to request to be added to the listserv.

[Access archived editions.](#)