Welcome to the Monthly Provider Call.

The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm.

Meeting Agenda

- **Tonya Williams** – Spring Town Halls
- **Michele Snyder** – Prek STEM
- **Lori Bridges** – EC Curriculum Review
- **Theresa Cooper** – Waitlist
  – SRA

Tonya Williams

Spring Town Hall Schedule

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Early Childhood Town Hall Schedule

10 am - 12 pm

Apr. 23	Jacksonville	Location TBD
Apr. 30	Russellville	The Center for the Arts - Russellville School District 2209 S Knoxville Ave., Russellville, AR 72802
May 7	Mt. Home	Vada Sheid Community Development Center, ASUMH Campus 1600 S College Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
May 14	Hamburg	First Baptist Church Hamburg - ROC Building 203 E Parker St., Hamburg, AR 71646
May 21	Forrest City	East Arkansas Community College, Arkansas Workforce Center 1700 New Castle Rd, Forrest City, AR 72335

LEARNS

Michele Snyder

Prek STEM

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Pre K Focused STEMinars - 2025

TODAY 3:15-4:30

3/4 **Pre-K AR STEM Model Program Rubric and Early Childhood STEM Professional Learning Resources**

ZOOM: https://zoom.us/j/96925963125

escWorks # **544671**

4/22 **Youth Engineering Solutions: High Quality Engineering Curriculum for preK-5 STEM Schools**

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Pathway to PreK Model STEM School designation

Benefits of being a AR STEM Model Program School

Hear from Romona Haney of BearKatz Academy, Director of a STEM Model Pre School

Overview of the Arkansas STEM Model Program PreK Rubric

Early childhood STEM professional learning resources

PreK High Quality Supplemental STEM Curriculum

April 22 3:15-4:30

Youth Engineering Solutions: High Quality Engineering Curriculum for preK-5 STEM Schools

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Lori Bridges

EC Curriculum Review

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EC Curriculum Review Process

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The interim list of approved comprehensive curriculum has been updated based on the following criteria:

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Comprehensive Curriculum	Publisher	Birth to 5	Pre-K
Lilio Learning (formerly Buttercups, Fireflies and FunShine)	FunShine Express	✓	✓
Connect4Learning, 2nd edition	Kaplan Early Learning Company		✓
*Core Knowledge	Core Knowledge Foundation		✓
Creative Curriculum	Teaching Strategies	✓	✓
Curiosity Corner, 2nd edition	Success for All Foundation		✓
DLM Early Childhood Express	McGraw-Hill		✓
Experience Preschool Curriculum (Mother Goose Time), Experience Toddler Curriculum and Experience Baby Curriculum	Experience Early Learning	✓	✓
Frog Street Pre-K	Frog Street Press	✓	✓
HighScope	HighScope Educational Research Foundation	✓	✓
The InvestiGator Club	Robert-Leslie Publishing	✓	✓

The Arkansas Department of Education also approves of the following high-quality supplemental foundational literacy curriculum:

Literacy Supplement	Publisher	Birth to 5	Pre-K
Launchpad Foundational Literacy Curriculum	Really Great Reading		✓

*Free or low cost approved option available to EC programs.

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EC Curriculum Review Process Timeline

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) is developing a review process to identify and approve high-quality instructional materials (HQIM).

January - June 2025: Finalize criteria and rubric for HQIM approval process
Solicit EC stakeholder feedback
Develop criteria for curriculum reviewers
Call for curriculum reviewers
Finalize curriculum reviewers

July 2025: Curriculum reviews begin

New approved curriculum list will be published for the 2026-2027 program year

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Theresa Cooper

- Wait List
- SRA

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Waitlist

- Due to increased participation and high demand, the SRA program is implementing a waitlist effective February 15, 2025. Eligible families applying on or after this date **will be** placed on the waitlist.

- If you have eligible families attending who plan to, but have not yet submitted a complete SRA application, into the SRA portal, they will need to do so as soon as possible. Eligible families who apply on or after February 15, 2025, will be placed on the waitlist, regardless of when they started your program.

- Families currently participating in SRA may NOT be affected by the waitlist as long as they remain eligible and continue to recertify their eligibility on time.

Waitlist Exemption and Eligibility Changes

The following populations will be exempted from the waitlist:

- **Teen parents**
- **Families experiencing homelessness**
- **TANF Families**
  - Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA)
  - Extended Support Services (ESS)
- **Guardian/Custodians**
  - May be over 85% of SMI but less than 100% of SMI
- **Adoptive Families**
  - May be over 85% of SMI but less than 100% of SMI
- **Child Care Workers**
  - May be over 85% of SMI but less than 100% of SMI
  - Must work a minimum of 10 hours per week at a licensed, CCDF approved program
- **Children with Special Needs**
- **Children transitioning from Foster Care**

How to Apply for School Readiness Assistance

School Readiness Assistance | SRA

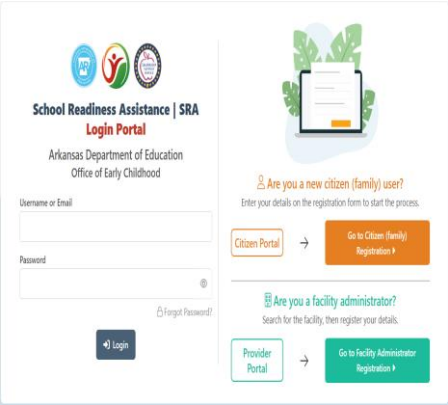
Register/Create an Account

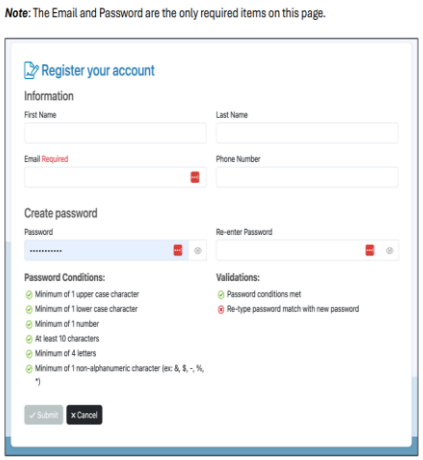
Step 1. Go to the SRA Link https://sra.ade.arkansas.gov/

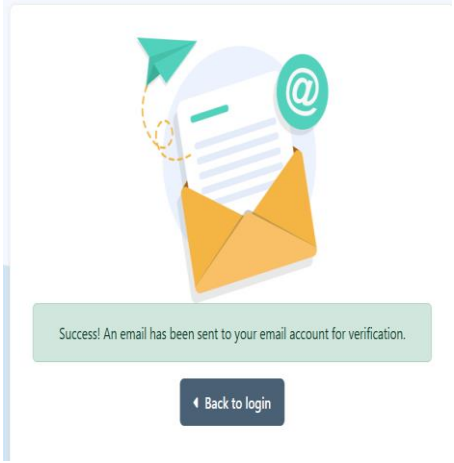
Step 2. Select “Go to Citizen Registration”

Step 3. Register for a Citizen Account-(an email will be sent to confirm the email)

Step 4. Once confirmed, the system will allow the citizen to create a profile. (**All documentation must be uploaded in the digital locker during this step**)







Completing a Citizen Profile

Step 1. Click “Begin Initiate Profile“

Step 2. Enter all pertinent information

Step 3. Click “Establish Profile”

- All pertinent information will need to be entered in SRA, reviewed, then the application will need to be signed electronically, and submitted.

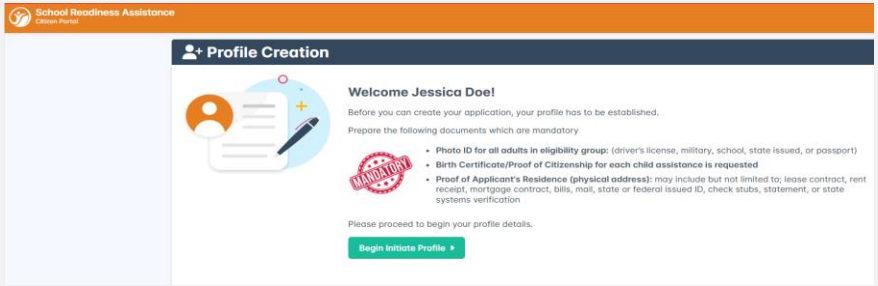
Step 4. Once the profile has been established, an email will be sent when OEC has approved the profile.

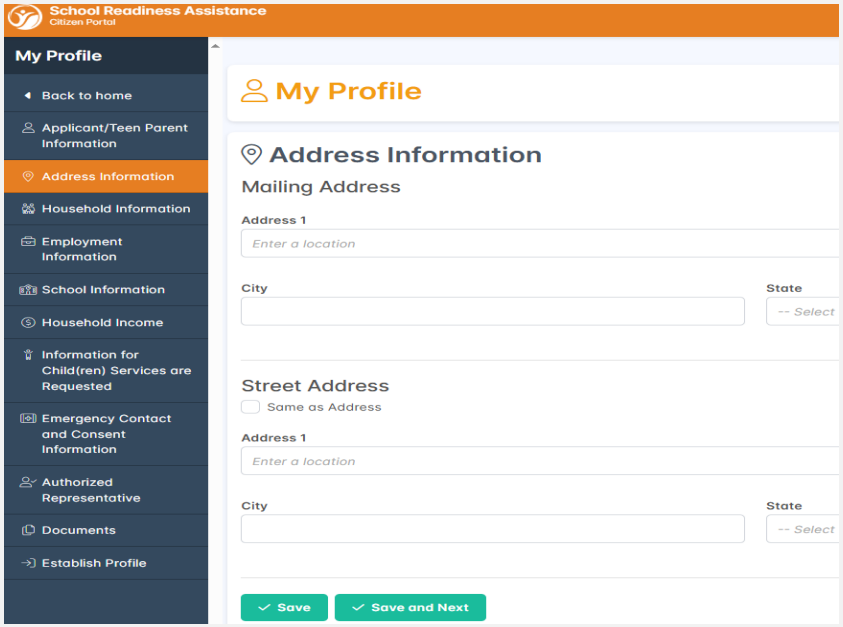
Account Established

Kind Attention: [redacted]

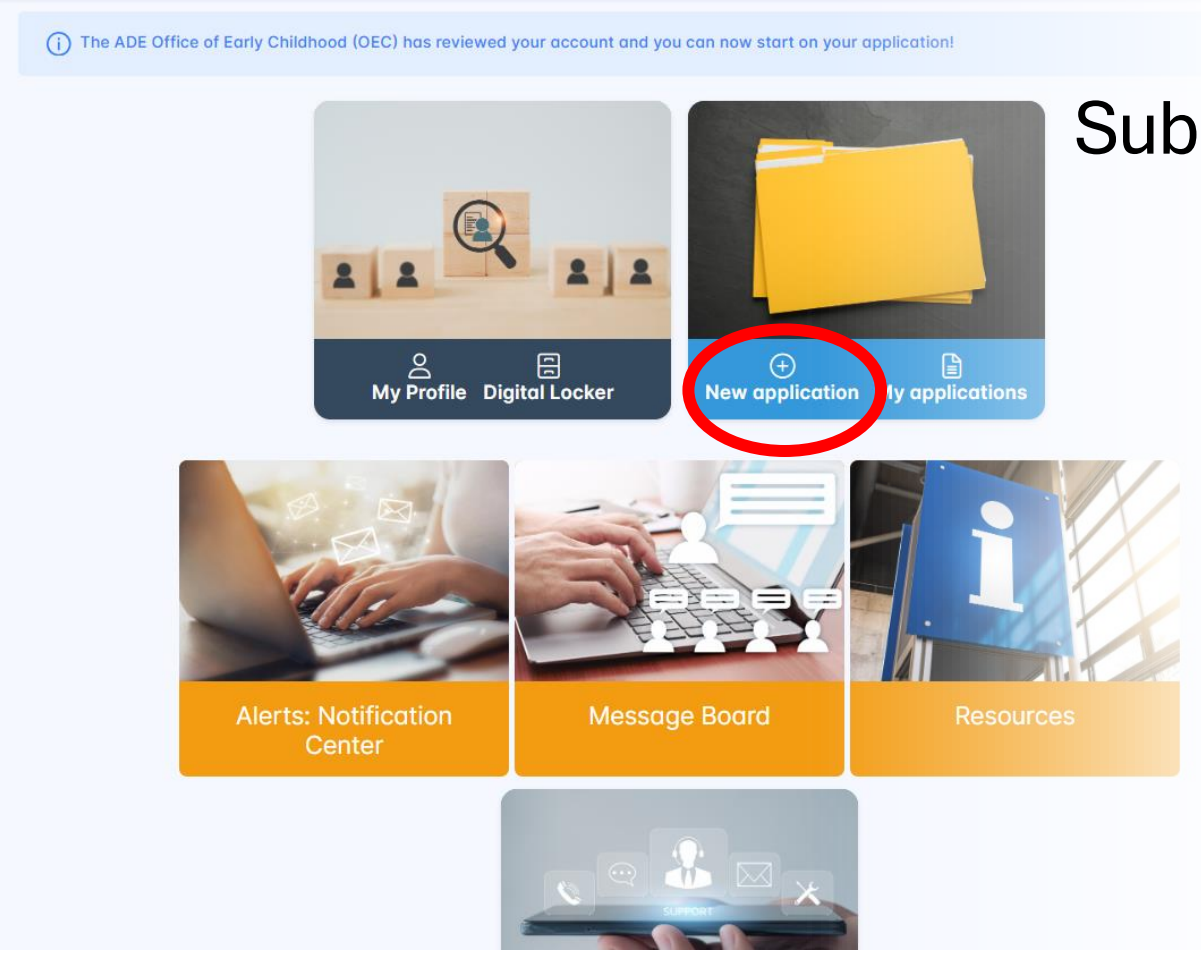
The ADE Office of Early Childhood (OEC) has completed the review and approved your account. Your account is now established for logging in to the School Readiness Assistance (SRA) – Citizen Portal.

Please proceed to create the new application and submit it on the SRA – Citizen Portal..





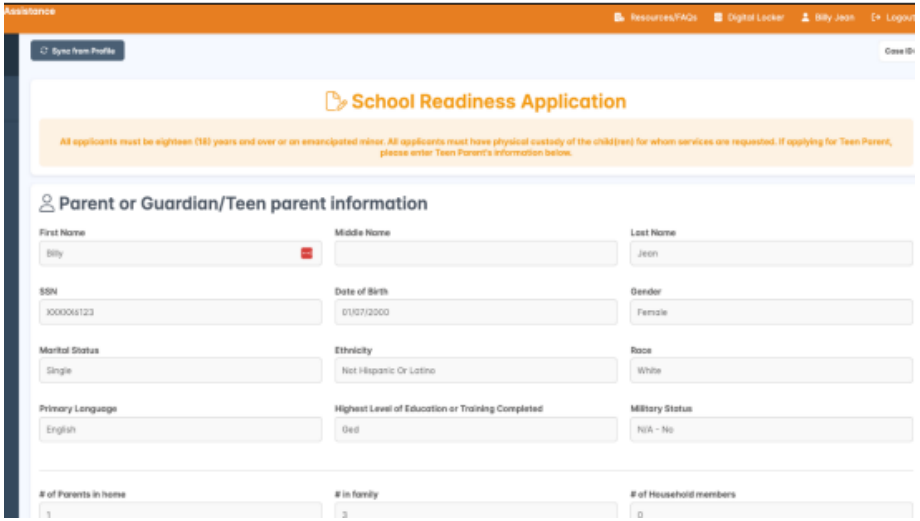
Submitting an Application

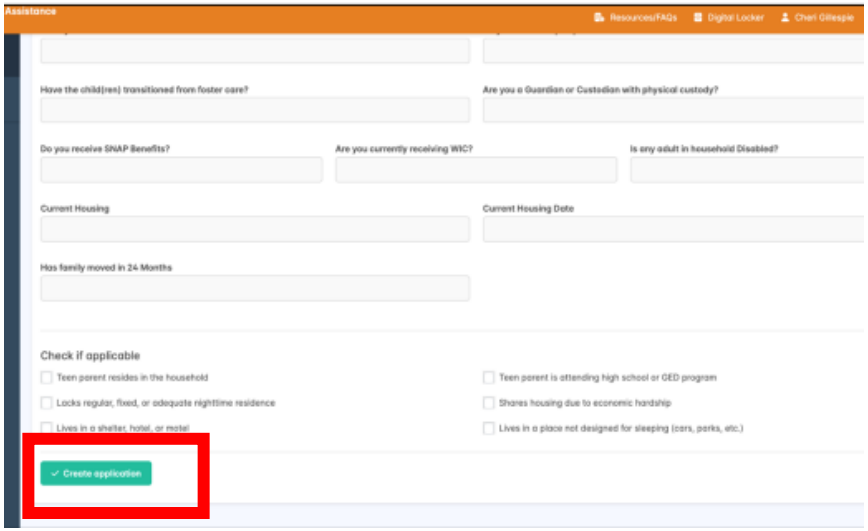


- When the citizen logs into SRA, the home page will show an application tile that allows for an application to be created.
- Select “New Application”

Submitting an Application

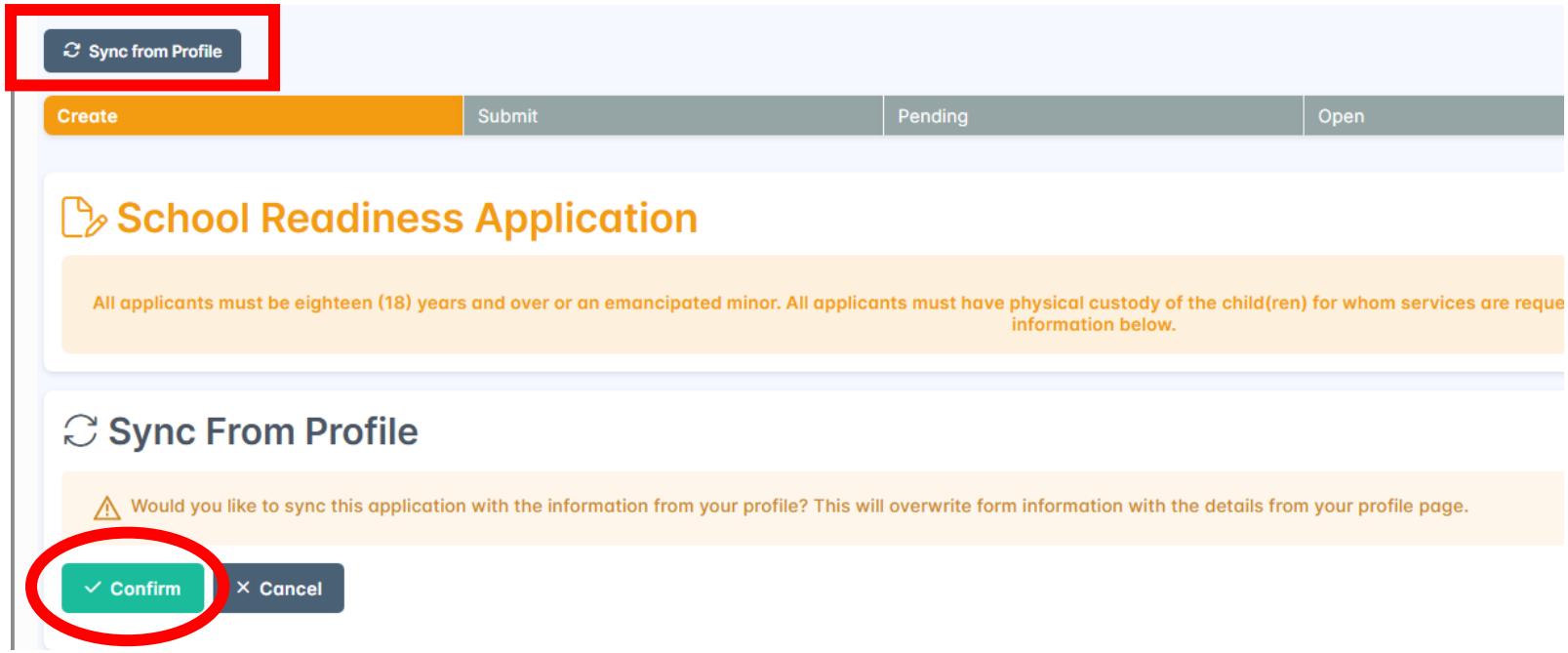
- The application form will be pre-filled with all the parent's profile information.
- Parent will click "Create application" at bottom of screen





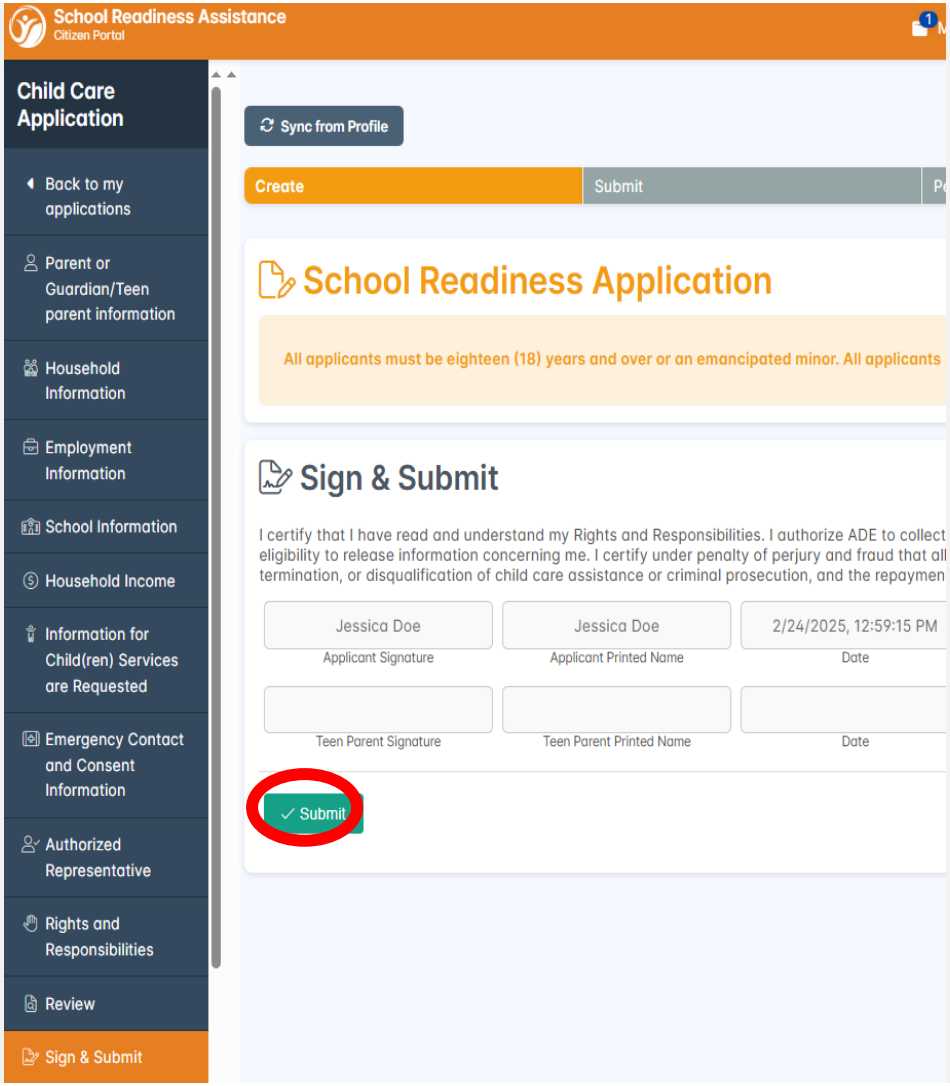
Submitting an Application

Parents will need to click on sync from profile and confirm



Submitting an Application

- Once all required fields have been completed, parents will navigate to "sign & submit" and click on the green submit button
- If the button is not green or enabled, navigate back to "Review" and correct any errors presented on the page
  - Friendly reminder:
    - Errors are corrected directly on the profile
    - Profile must be "reestablished" for corrections to be saved
    - Prior to submitting click the “Sync from Profile” button
      - Once the errors are corrected, the parent will be able to hit the submit button



The School Readiness Application has been submitted to OEC for review.

My Applications

You cannot create new application.

	Id	Form	Status	Name
	2025-OSA-001619	OSA	Submitted	Jessica Doe

NEXT MEETING

April 1 at 12:00pm

Find the recording of today's meeting here:

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