American Samoa

NO PROGRAM

While American Samoa does not provide state-funded pre-K as defined in this report, the territory supports early education in several ways. Early Childhood Education/Head Start (ECE/HS) is a division within the American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE). The ASDOE operates 22 early childhood education centers in addition to elementary and secondary schools. American Samoa has early learning guidelines for children ages 3 to 5, which are aligned with the Head Start Child Development and Learning Framework. These standards address multiple domains, including physical development and health, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts expression, logic and reasoning, social studies, and English language development.

American Samoa uses program quality assessment tools for quality assurance and monitoring. Program assessments are one component of a quality rating and improvement system currently under development.

Operating under the Office of the Governor, the American Samoa Children’s Cabinet serves as the state early childhood advisory council, with representation from the ASDOE, Department of Human and Social Services, and Department of Health.
ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .................................................................0
School districts that offer state program ..............................................NA
Income requirement .............................................................................NA
Hours of operation .............................................................................NA
Operating schedule .............................................................................NA
Special education enrollment ............................................................NA
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .............................................1,332
State-funded Head Start enrollment ...................................................0

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .................................................................$0
Local match required? .......................................................................NA
State spending per child enrolled ......................................................$0
All reported spending per child enrolled* .........................................$0

* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.

** Head Start per-child spending for the 2012-2013 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years figured have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the ’12-’13 school year, unless otherwise noted.