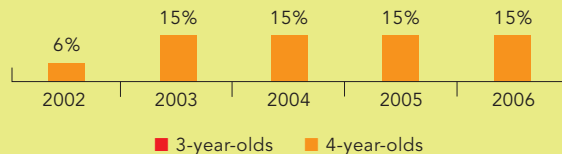
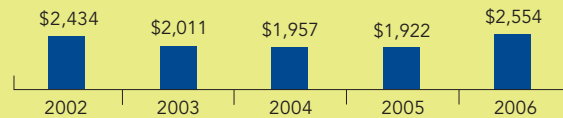


# Kansas

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2006 DOLLARS)



The At-Risk Four-Year-Old Children Preschool Program began in 1998 and operates exclusively in public schools. The program uses state funding that includes tobacco settlement money and each local program receives a base allocation per child enrolled. The program serves at-risk children not eligible for Head Start as well as those who are eligible but not enrolled. Eligibility for the At-Risk Four-Year-Old Children Preschool Program is based on factors such as free lunch eligibility, developmental delay, English Language Learner or migrant status, referral from another agency, having a single or teen parent, or having a parent with low educational attainment.

Kansas also operates a separate Parents as Teachers (PAT) program for children from birth to age 3 and their families. To facilitate collaboration, state agencies serving young children share space and resources and work together to develop program and early learning standards and core competencies for staff.

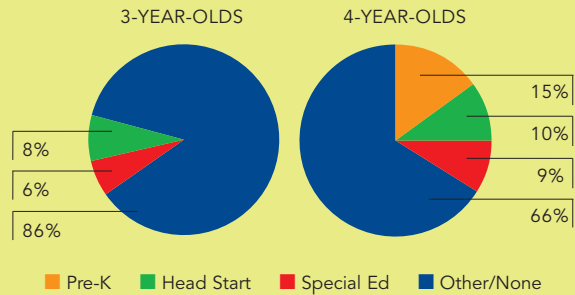
Kansas is implementing several new initiatives during the 2006-2007 year. With support from the governor and business leaders, the state is piloting a limited-scale prekindergarten program without eligibility requirements. Also, the state is expecting to complete its Early Learning Standards, and will require teachers to review the standards for the 2006-2007 program year and align curricula to the standards in upcoming years. Kansas is also conducting a data collection project on prekindergarten classroom practices and their impact on student learning.

ACCESS RANKING-4s	ACCESS RANKING-3s	RESOURCES RANKING
18	None Served	28

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	5,375
School districts that offer state program .....	48%
Income requirement .....	130% FPL <sup>1</sup>
Hours of operation .....	At least 2.5 hours/day, 4 or 5 days/week
Operating schedule .....	Academic year
Special education enrollment .....	5,428
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .....	6,455
State-funded Head Start enrollment .....	0

### STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards .....	None <sup>2</sup>	Comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree .....	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training .....	4-year EE teaching certificate, EE or EC license	Specializing in pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree .....	2-year degree	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service .....	Amount not specified	At least 15 hours/year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size .....		20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	NA		
4-year-olds .....	No limit <sup>3</sup>		
Staff-child ratio .....		1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds .....	NA		
4-year-olds .....	No limit <sup>3</sup>		
Screening/ referral and support services .....	Vision, hearing, health, dental, and developmental; and support services <sup>4</sup>	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals .....	Snack	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring .....	Other monitoring	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>

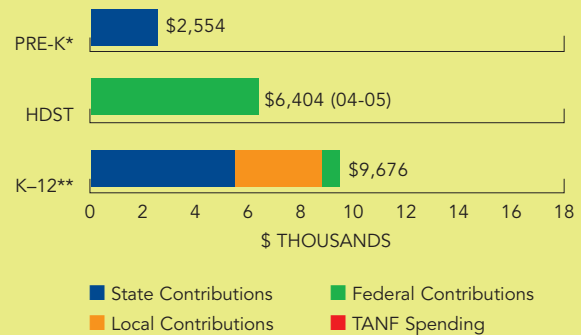
**TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET**

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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$13,728,825
Local match required? .....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$2,554
State spending per 3-year-old .....	\$0
State spending per 4-year-old .....	\$371

### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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

\*\*K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '05-'06 school year, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> Eligibility for free lunch is one of several risk factors used to determine eligibility for this program. Every child must have at least one risk factor.

<sup>2</sup> The state is finalizing the Kansas Early Learning Guidelines for the 2006-2007 program year.

<sup>3</sup> Although not mandated by the state, programs are encouraged to follow NAEYC recommendations and also limit class size to 15-17 students with two teachers.

<sup>4</sup> Vision, hearing, and other general health screenings and referrals are not explicitly required but must be included as part of the grant proposal. The schools must explain in their proposals how they will provide comprehensive health services in order to receive funding. Support services include two annual parent conferences or home visits, parenting support or training, referral to social services, and transition to kindergarten activities.