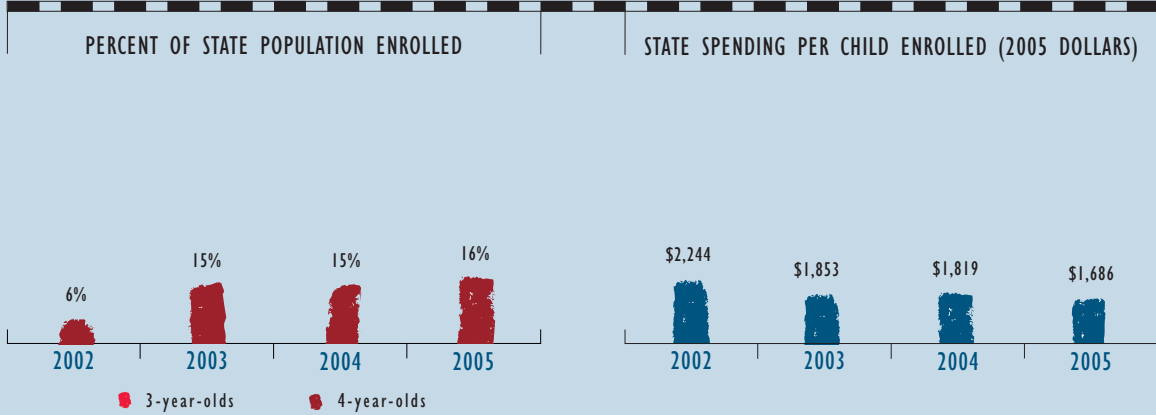


Kansas



The At-Risk Four-Year-Old Children Preschool Program was established in 1998 and serves at-risk children not eligible for Head Start as well as those who are eligible but not enrolled. Eligibility for the program is based on factors such as developmental delay, having a single or teen parent, English Language Learner or migrant status, free lunch eligibility, or referral from another agency. Funds are provided exclusively to public schools, and no subcontracting is permitted. Programs receive a base allocation of state funds per child enrolled, with some of the support for the program coming from tobacco settlement money. A recent increase in state funding has allowed modest program expansion to the current total of approximately 6,000 slots.

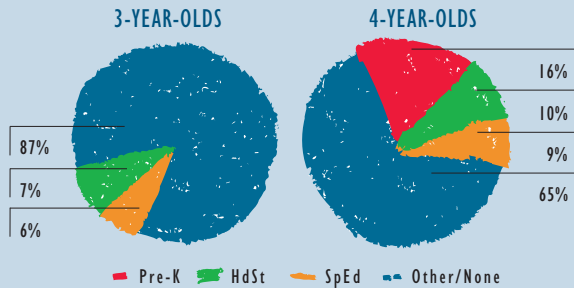
The state provides a separate Parents as Teachers (PAT) program for families with children from birth to age 3. In an effort to promote collaboration, all Kansas agencies serving young children share space and resources. These agencies have worked together to develop core competencies for staff and common sets of standards.



ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	5,900
School districts that offer state program	43%
Income requirement	130% FPL ¹
Hours of operation	At least 2.5 hours/day, 5 days/week
Operating schedule	Academic year
Special education enrollment	5,340
Federally funded Head Start enrollment '03-'04	6,349
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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



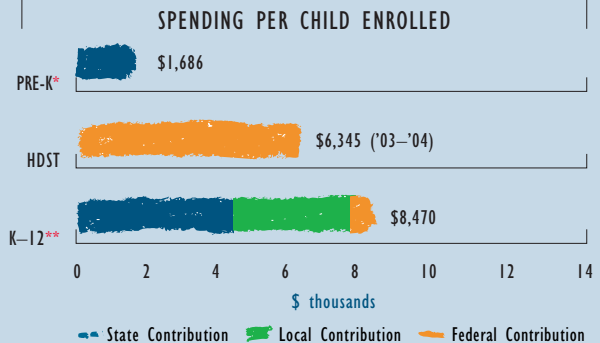
QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards	None ²	Comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	4-year elementary teaching certificate	Specializing in Pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	2-year degree	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	None	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 ³		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	No limit ³		
Screening/referral and support services	Vision, hearing, health, dental, and developmental; and support services ⁴	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Snack	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Other monitoring	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>



RESOURCES

Total state Pre-K spending	\$9,945,680
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$1,686
State spending per 3-year-old	\$0
State spending per 4-year-old	\$270



* 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 '04-'05 school year, unless otherwise noted.

¹ 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.

² A review draft of the Kansas Early Learning Guidelines has not been finalized or adopted.

³ Although not mandated by the state, programs are encouraged to follow NAEYC recommendations and also limit class size to 15 students with 2 teachers.

⁴ 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 2 annual parent conferences or home visits, parenting support or training, parent involvement activities, referral to social services, and transition to kindergarten activities.