Maryland

The Extended Elementary Education Program (EEEP) began in 1979 as a pilot program to help at-risk children in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County; now it exists statewide. Local school systems determine eligibility, but the state designates the following groups of 4-year-olds as automatically eligible children who have limited English proficiency, are homeless, were enrolled in Head Start or Even Start, and have special health care needs. The state Legislature allocates EEEP funds to public schools. Additional enrollees are supported through other funding streams, including Title I and local matching funds. Public schools administer the program and only rarely subcontract with Head Start or child care centers. In these instances, the standards for EEEP remain the same, regardless of the location of the program.

The number of state-supported 4-year-olds in EEEP was 10,980 in 2002–2003, while funding for the program was $19,262,500.

In 2002, the state Legislature passed the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act, which will require all local school systems to provide prekindergarten services to all eligible 4-year-olds from disadvantaged families or who are homeless. If preschool slots remain after all eligible children are enrolled, school systems may set priorities to fill these slots. As a first step in implementing the new regulations, eligibility criteria for EEEP have been adapted to focus more on children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds beginning with the 2003–2004 program year. All requirements of the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act must be implemented by 2007–2008.

Maryland also provides a state supplement for the federal Head Start program. In fiscal year 2002, $3,000,000 in Head Start enhancement funds were used primarily for extended-year classes, extended-day services and quality improvement.

### ACCESS

- **State-Program Enrollment**: 
- **State Pre-K Spending**: $19,262,500
- **Local Match Required**: No
- **State Spending per Child Enrolled**: $1,751
- **State Head Start Spending**: $3,000,000
- **State Spending per 3-Year-Old**: $0
- **State Spending per 4-Year-Old**: $264
- **Total State Program Enrollment**: 11,000
- **School districts that offer state programs**: 100%
- **Income requirement**: None
- **Hours of operation**: Full-time, 51-week
- **Grading schedule**: Academic year
- **Special education enrollment**: 6.7%
- **State-funded Head Start enrollment**: 0

### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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1. 15% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K
2. 15% of 4-year-olds in state Pre-K

### RESOURCES

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1. Total state Pre-K spending: $19,262,500
2. State Pre-K spending: $1,751 per child
3. State spending per 3-year-old: $0
4. State spending per 4-year-old: $264

### POLICY

- **Curriculum standards:** Comprehensive
- **Teacher degree requirement:** BA
- **Teacher specialized training requirement:** Specializing in EC
- **Assistant teacher degree requirement:** HS or equivalent
- **Teacher insurance requirement:** None
- **Microteaching:** None
- **Staff-child ratio:** 1:10 or better
- **Screening/referral requirements:** Determined locally
- **Family support services requirements:** None
- **Meal requirements:** None

### RESOURCES

- **Spend per Child Enrolled**: $1,751
- **State Pre-K**: $1,751
- **State Head Start**: $3,000

### ACCESS RANKING–4s

- **State Pre-K Enrollment**: 12
- **State Spending**: 50
- **Resources**: 32

### QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

- **Policy**: None
- **State Pre-K**: Comprehensive
- **Head Start**: Specializing in EC
- **Other/None**: None

1. 1:10 or better
2. Determined locally
3. None
4. None

1. State Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
2. K–12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.