The Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten program established in 1987, is modeled after the federal Head Start program and provides comprehensive child development services to the state's lowest income and highest need children. The state prekindergarten program has adopted the federal Head Start Performance Standards into state law in order to provide quality services for 3- and 4-year-olds from families with incomes below 100 percent of the federal poverty level. State funding is provided to all federal Head Start grantees, as well as some private, nonprofit organizations that do not receive federal Head Start funds but meet the required standards.

Although Oregon's vision is to eventually serve all preschool children in the Head Start Prekindergarten program, state funding was reduced by 8 percent for the 2003-2005 biennium, decreasing the number of slots available. Funding for 2003-2004 was estimated at $26.6 million, providing for 1,191 3-year-olds and 2,311 4-year-olds.

**RESOURCES**

- **Federally funded Head Start enrollment**: 7,844
- **State-funded Head Start enrollment**: 4,000
- **Special education enrollment**: 4,513
- **Operating schedule**: Determined locally
- **Hours of operation**: Determined locally
- **Income requirement**: 80% of children must be below 100% FPL
- **School districts that offer state program**: 100% (counties)
- **3-YEAR-OLDS**: 27
- **4-YEAR-OLDS**: 10
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

**QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST**

- **Teacher degree requirement**: BA (public), CDA (nonpublic)
- **Teacher specialization training requirement**: EC certificate (public), Specializing in Pre-K
- **Assistant teacher degree requirement**: HSD or GED
- **Assistant teacher training requirement**: Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten°
- **Minimum class size**: 20 or lower
- **Maximum class size**: 20
- **Staff-child ratio**: 1:10
- **Screening/referral requirements**: Hearing, vision, general health, dental, and communication
- **Required support services**: 4 parent conferences
- **Teacher in-service requirement**: None
- **Teacher specialized training requirement**: Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten°
- **Curriculum standards**: None
- **Assistant teacher degree requirement**: HSD or GED
- **Assistant teacher training requirement**: Oregon Head Start Prekindergarten°
- **Operating schedule**: Determined locally
- **Hours of operation**: Determined locally
- **Income requirement**: 80% of children must be below 100% FPL
- **School districts that offer state program**: 100% (counties)
- **3-YEAR-OLDS**: 27
- **4-YEAR-OLDS**: 10
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

**POLICY**

- **SpEd**: Access Raking – 3s
- **Other/None**: Access Raking – 4s
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

**ACCESS**

- **State-funded Head Start enrollment**: 4,000
- **Federally funded Head Start enrollment**: 7,844
- **Special education enrollment**: 4,513
- **Operating schedule**: Determined locally
- **Hours of operation**: Determined locally
- **Income requirement**: 80% of children must be below 100% FPL
- **School districts that offer state program**: 100% (counties)
- **3-YEAR-OLDS**: 27
- **4-YEAR-OLDS**: 10
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

- **Total state Pre-K spending**: $26,100,000
- **SpEd**: Access Raking – 3s
- **Other/None**: Access Raking – 4s
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

**RESOURCES**

- **State Pre-K and Head Start enrollment as percentage of total population**: 3%
- **State Pre-K and Head Start enrollment**: 4,000
- **State-funded Head Start enrollment**: 4,000
- **Federally funded Head Start enrollment**: 7,844
- **Special education enrollment**: 4,513
- **Operating schedule**: Determined locally
- **Hours of operation**: Determined locally
- **Income requirement**: 80% of children must be below 100% FPL
- **School districts that offer state program**: 100% (counties)
- **3-YEAR-OLDS**: 27
- **4-YEAR-OLDS**: 10
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

- **State Pre-K funding**: $6,525 per child
- **Head Start funding**: $7,596 per child
- **operation**: Determined locally
- **Hours of operation**: Determined locally
- **Income requirement**: 80% of children must be below 100% FPL
- **School districts that offer state program**: 100% (counties)
- **3-YEAR-OLDS**: 27
- **4-YEAR-OLDS**: 10
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3

- **Total state Pre-K spending**: $26,100,000
- **SpEd**: Access Raking – 3s
- **Other/None**: Access Raking – 4s
- **RESOURCES RANKING**: 3