North Dakota

North Dakota’s 64th Legislative Assembly provided $3 million in state funds for pre-kindergarten during the 2016-2017 school year through the North Dakota Department of Commerce for early care and education programs and school districts serving low-income children.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has multiple early childhood education initiatives, including two grant opportunities for educators and school districts. Pre-kindergarten, Head Start, and child care lead and assistant teachers can enhance their credentials at North Dakota state colleges and universities through Early Childhood Continuing Education Grants of up to $3,000 every two years. Early Childhood Environment Grants provide up to $10,000 to establish, support, or enhance new or expanded early childhood environments.

The North Dakota Pre-Kindergarten Content Standards, published in 2013, are voluntary and cover multiple domains including social-emotional development, language development, physical well-being and motor development, approaches toward learning, and cognitive and general knowledge. The standards were aligned with the state’s kindergarten standards and the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework. The state sponsors professional development for early childhood professionals that is aligned with these standards.

North Dakota is part of a consortium with nine other states and three nationally recognized research partners that received a $6.1 million Enhanced Assessment Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The consortium’s goal is to improve a state-of-the-art system for assessing young children’s learning and provide parents, students, teachers, policymakers, and other early childhood stakeholders with a critical resource for generating clear information about children’s learning and learning goals.
NO PROGRAM

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending ................................................................. $0
Local match required? ....................................................................... NA
State Head Start spending ................................................................. $0
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 includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds.

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

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

Pre-K* $0
HDST** $8,767
K-12*** $10,196

$ THOUSANDS

State contributions
Federal contributions
Local contributions
TANF spending