North Dakota does not offer state-funded pre-K as defined in this report. However, the state legislature provided $3 million in Early Childhood Education grants beginning in the 2017-2018 school year through the state Department of Commerce.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has multiple early childhood education initiatives, including two grant opportunities for educators and school districts. Lead and assistant teachers in pre-kindergarten, Head Start, and child care 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 shared a $6.1 million Enhanced Assessment Grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The consortium’s goal is to develop 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 development and learning goals.
NORTH DAKOTA

ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment................................................................. 0
School districts that offer state program ...........................................NA
Income requirement..........................................................................NA
Minimum hours of operation..........................................................NA
Operating schedule...........................................................................NA
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ......................................1,210
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ......................2,360
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.........................0

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending................................................................. $0
Local match required?.................................................................NA
State Head Start spending.............................................................Not reported
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.

NO PROGRAM

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

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Data are for the 2016-2017 school year, unless otherwise noted.