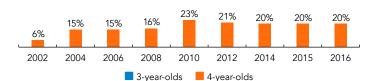


#### PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED

# STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2016 DOLLARS)





ansas supports two state-funded prekindergarten programs. The first, established in 1998, is the Kansas State Pre-Kindergarten Program, formerly known as the Four-Year-Old At-Risk Program. The second is the Kansas Preschool Program, formerly known as the Pre-K Pilot Program, which was first offered in the 2006-2007 school year and is funded with tobacco dollars from the Master Settlement Agreement.

The Kansas State Pre-K Program, operated by the Kansas State Department of Education, is available in 181 out of 286 school districts in the state. The program provides funding to public schools directly, although schools may subcontract with community-based organizations to provide services. To be eligible for the program, children must meet at least one of the eight risk factors: eligibility for free or reduced price lunch (185% FPL), academic or developmental delay based upon validated assessments, English Language Learner status, migrant status, a parent lacking a high school diploma or GED, having a single parent, having a teen parent, or having a referral from the Department for Children and Families agency. Child inventories on randomly selected children in each classroom, as well as classroom and parent surveys, are among data collected via a web application.

The Kansas Preschool Program is also operated by the Kansas State Department of Education and accessible in 14 of 105 counties. Grants are awarded to school districts and nonprofit community partnerships or community agencies on behalf of a coalition of service providers. At least 50% of the children enrolled must meet either one of the risk factors listed above or one of the alternate risk factors, such as being referred by an early childhood organization, qualifying for reduced-price lunch (185% Federal Poverty Level), or having a parent on active military duty. The other half must be eligible according to standards set by local programs.

In 2013-2014, sites participating in both programs began receiving technical assistance and support from KSDE. The initial support focused on increasing collaboration at the community level and data-driven decision-making. As of the 2013-2014 school year, both Kansas programs were required to use the Kansas Early Learning Standards, which are aligned with Kansas College and Career Ready Standards, K–12.

Kansas also provides funding for the Parents as Teacher Program, serving children from prenatal to 3 years old and their families. Managed by the Kansas State Department of Education, the program offers services through local school districts and coordination with other communities.

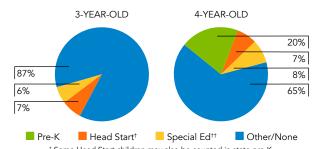
The first two pages of this profile address the general assistance and commitment to prekindergarten in Kansas, including enrollment and spending for both the State Pre-Kindergarten Program and the Kansas Preschool Program. The third page focuses solely on the Kansas Preschool Program, while the last page discusses the Kansas State Pre-K Program.

### KANSAS STATE OVERVIEW

# **ACCESS**

Total state pre-K enrollment	7,903
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	5,500
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

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

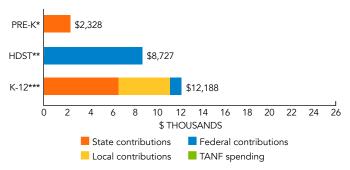


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### **RESOURCES**

Total state pre-K spending	\$18,397,560
State Head Start spending	\$0
State spending per child enrolled	\$2,328
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$2,328

#### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



- Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
- $^{\star\star}$  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.

ACCESS RANKINGS			
4-YEAR-OLDS 3-YEAR-OLDS			
27	None Served		

RESOURCE RANKINGS			
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING		
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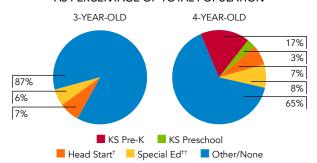
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### KANSAS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

### **ACCESS**

Total state pre-K enrollment	1,070
School districts that offer state program 13	3% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	3 hours/day
Operating schedule	Determined locally
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3	and 4 5,500

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



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# **QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST**

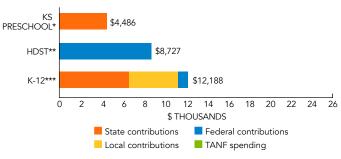
POLICY	KS PRESCHOOL REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<b>✓</b>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<b>✓</b>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	_	Approval process & supports	<b>✓</b>
Teacher degree	ВА	BA	<b>✓</b>	ВА	<b>✓</b>
Teacher specialized training	ECE	Specializing in pre-K	<b>✓</b>	Specializing in pre-K	<b>✓</b>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	$\checkmark$	CDA or equivalent	<b>✓</b>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year (teachers only); PD plans (public school teachers only)	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	<b>✓</b>	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	
Maximum class size	20 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<b>✓</b>	20 or lower	<b>✓</b>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<b>✓</b>	1:10 or better	<b>✓</b>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, immunizations; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<b>✓</b>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<b>✓</b>
Meals	Lunch & snack (school-day); Snack (part-day)	At least one meal/day		Discontinued	_
Monitoring/ Continuous quality improvement system	Other monitoring	Site visits		Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	
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# **RESOURCES**

Total state pre-K spending	\$4,800,000
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$4,486
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$4,486

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# SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

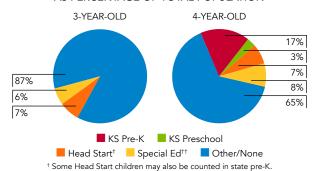


### KANSAS STATE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

### **ACCESS**

Total state pre-K enrollment	6,833
School districts that offer state program	63%
Income requirement	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation	3 hours/day
Operating schedule	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4.	6,625
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, age	s 3 and 45,500

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



† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

# **QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST**

POLICY	KS PRE-K REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<b>✓</b>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	$\checkmark$
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	_	Approval process & supports	<b>✓</b>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<b>/</b>	ВА	
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD	Specializing in pre-K	<b>✓</b>	Specializing in pre-K	<b>✓</b>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	$\checkmark$	CDA or equivalent	<b>✓</b>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year; coaching (new teachers)	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	$\checkmark$	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	
Maximum class size	25 (4-year-olds) <sup>3</sup>	20 or lower		20 or lower	
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds) <sup>3</sup>	1:10 or better	<b>✓</b>	1:10 or better	
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<b>✓</b>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<b>✓</b>
Meals	Snack	At least one meal/day		Discontinued	_
Monitoring/ Continuous quality improvement system	Classroom practices survey; Improvement plan	Site visits		Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	
			7		7

# **RESOURCES**

Total state pre-K spending	\$13,597,560
Local match required?	No
State spending per child enrolled	\$1,990
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$1,990

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### SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

