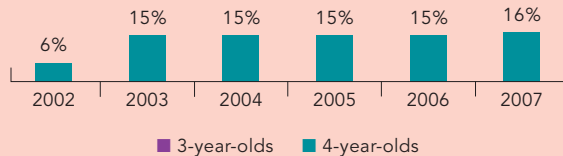
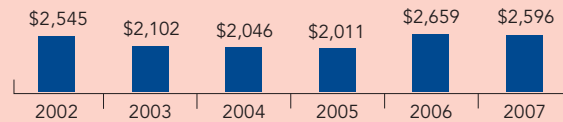


Kansas

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
(2007 DOLLARS)



Kansas' At-Risk Four-Year-Old Children Preschool Program, which operates exclusively in public schools, began in 1998. Children are eligible for the program if they are deemed at-risk and not eligible for Head Start or if they are eligible but not enrolled. Risk status is based on the following criteria: English Language Learner or migrant status, having a single parent, having a parent lacking a high school diploma or GED, free lunch eligibility, developmental or academic delay based upon validated assessment, or referral from the Social and Rehabilitative Services agency. The At-Risk Four-Year-Old Children Preschool Program is funded by state dollars. Each local School District receives a base allocation per child enrolled based upon the September 20th state count.

Kansas also serves children birth to age 3 and their families through a separate Parents as Teachers initiative. The various state agencies serving young children collaborate with each other by sharing space and resources and working together to develop core competencies for staff and programs as well as early learning standards.

During the 2006-2007 school year, Kansas began a small pilot of a prekindergarten program, serving 563 children in six counties. Kansas is training teachers on the state's new Early Learning Standards during the 2007-2008 school year.

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

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
29*	33

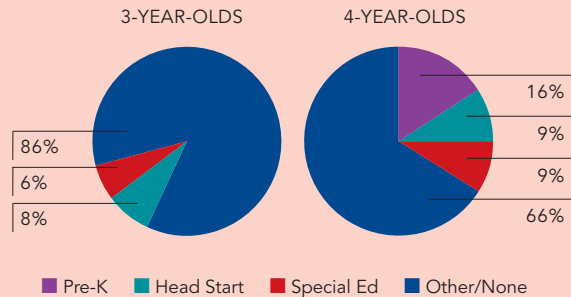
* In previous Yearbooks, only state spending was ranked.

KANSAS AT-RISK FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment.....	5,971
School districts that offer state program	53%
Income requirement.....	130% FPL ¹
Hours of operation	At least 2.5 hours/day, 4 or 5 days/week
Operating schedule	Academic year
Special education enrollment	5,602
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	6,624
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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



QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

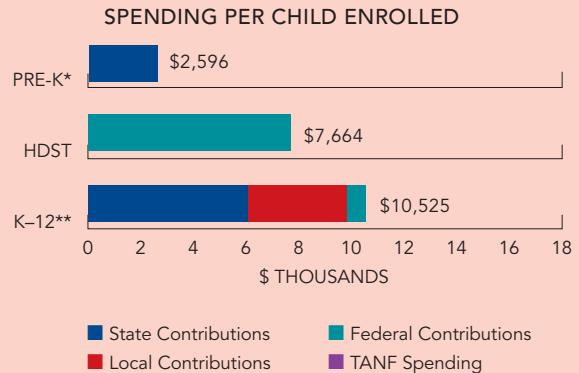
POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards	None ²	Comprehensive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training.....	EE teaching certificate ³	Specializing in pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	Amount not specified	At least 15 hours/year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	No limit ⁴		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	No limit ⁴		
Screening/referral	Vision, hearing, health, and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Snack	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Other monitoring	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

3

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$15,500,000
Local match required?.....	No
State spending per child enrolled.....	\$2,596
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$2,596



* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
 **K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.
 Data are for the '06-'07 school year, unless otherwise noted.

¹ Eligibility for free lunch is one of several risk factors used to determine eligibility for this program. Every child must have at least one risk factor.
² The state has now adopted comprehensive early learning standards. Training on the Kansas Early Learning Standards is occurring during the 2007-2008 school year.
³ Early childhood certification is recommended.
⁴ A class size of 17-18 children and a staff-child ratio of 1:10 is recommended but not required.
⁵ Support services include two annual parent conferences or home visits, parenting support or training, referral to social services, and transition to kindergarten activities.