

National Institute for Early Education Research

State Pre-K Program	Eligibility requirements*	Income Eligibility (Family of Four)
Alabama	None	
Arizona	185% Federal Poverty Level	\$38,202.50
Arkansas	200% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$41,300.00
California	230% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$47,495.00
Colorado	185% Federal Poverty Level	\$38,202.50
Connecticut	75% State Median Income	\$66,989.00
Delaware	100% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$20,650.00
Florida	None	
Georgia	None	
Illinois	Locally Determined	
Iowa	130% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$26,845.00
Kansas	130% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$26,845.00
Kentucky	130% Federal Poverty Level or developmental disability	\$26,845.00
Louisiana 8(g) Block Grant Program	8(g) programs serve children who are at risk of being insufficiently ready for school, based on screening results. Programs must prioritize children from low-income families.	
LA4 & Starting Points	185% Federal Poverty Level	\$38,202.50
Louisiana Nonpublic Schools	200% Federal Poverty Level	\$41,300.00
Maine	None	
Maryland	185% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$38,202.50
Massachusetts	125% State Median Income or other risk factors	\$108,434.00**
Michigan	250% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$51,625.00
Minnesota Head Start	100% Federal Poverty Level or developmental disability	\$20,650.00
Missouri	No income requirement; grant applications receive extra points for serving children with low family income or special needs	
Nebraska	185% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$38,202.50
Nevada	All programs prioritize children from low-income families and identify other state and locally-determined risk factors	
New Jersey Abbott	Only districts with at least 40% of children at or below 185% Federal Poverty Level	
New Jersey Early Childhood Aid (ECPA)	Only districts with 20% to 40% of children at or below 185% Federal Poverty Level	
New Jersey Early Launch to Literacy	185% Federal Poverty Level or other locally determined risk factors	\$38,202.50
New Mexico Child Development Program	Locally determined	
New Mexico State Pre-K	At least 66% of children enrolled in each program must live within the boundaries of a Title 1 school district.	
New York Targeted Pre-K	Economically disadvantaged, including families eligible for one of several types of government benefits	
New York Universal Pre-K	None	
North Carolina	75% State Median Income or other risk factors	\$45,227.00
Ohio Public School Preschool	200% Federal Poverty Level	\$41,300.00
Oklahoma	None	
Oregon	100% Federal Poverty Level or developmental disability	\$20,650.00
Pennsylvania Education Accountability	Locally determined	
Pennsylvania Head Start	100% Federal Poverty Level or developmental disability	\$20,650.00
Pennsylvania Kindergarten for 4s	None	
South Carolina	Risk factors	
Tennessee	185% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$38,202.50
Texas	185% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$38,202.50
Vermont Public Pre-K	None	
Vermont Early Education Initiative	185% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$38,202.50
Virginia	Locally-determined	
Washington	110% Federal Poverty Level or other risk factors	\$22,715.00
West Virginia	None	
Wisconsin 4K	None	
Wisconsin Head Start	100% Federal Poverty Level and other risk factors	\$20,650.00

* For some enrolled children, risk factors other than income may be used to determine eligibility. This column is based on 2005-2006 school year data, the most recent available. As state pre-K expands, some states are adding new programs and other states are updating existing requirements.

** With preference to incomes below \$43,374.