

American Samoa

NO PROGRAM

American Samoa supports early education in several ways, although the territory does not provide state-funded pre-K as defined in this report. The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) houses an Early Childhood Education/Head Start (ECE/HS) division. In addition to elementary and secondary schools, the ASDOE operates early childhood education centers.

American Samoa's early learning guidelines, for children ages 3 to 5, align with the Head Start Child Development and Learning Framework. These standards address multiple domains, including physical development and health, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts expression, logic and reasoning, social studies, and English language development.

American Samoa was in the process of developing a quality rating and improvement system in 2012-2013, though details concerning its status are unavailable. One component of the system is the use of quality program assessment tools for quality assurance and monitoring.

The American Samoa Children's Cabinet serves as the state early childhood advisory council. It operates under the Office of the Governor and hosts representation from the ASDOE, the Department of Human and Social Service, and the Department of Health.

ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

POLICIES TO SUPPORT	
DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS	WORKFORCE
No Program	

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	0
School districts that offer state program	NA
Income requirement	NA
Hours of operation	NA
Operating schedule.....	NA
Special education enrollment.....	
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	1,332
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

TOTAL
BENCHMARKS
MET

No
Program

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$0
Local match required?	NA
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 for the 2014-2015 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years' figures have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '14-'15 school year, unless otherwise noted.

