

Alaska

NO PROGRAM

Alaska has provided a supplement to federal Head Start programs since the 1980s, but does not have a state-funded preschool education initiative. State funds for the Head Start program are targeted toward school readiness activities and professional development, both in the interest of improving the program's quality. In addition, funds are used to provide access to more children and families whenever possible. State funding through Alaska's Head Start supplement totaled \$6,077,200 during the 2007-2008 school year and was available to any federally recognized Head Start program operating in the state. In the 2007-2008 school year, 490 additional children and families were served in Head Start and Early Head Start settings.

For fiscal year 2010, the governor has proposed \$800,000 more for Head Start funding and \$2 million for a pilot prekindergarten program.

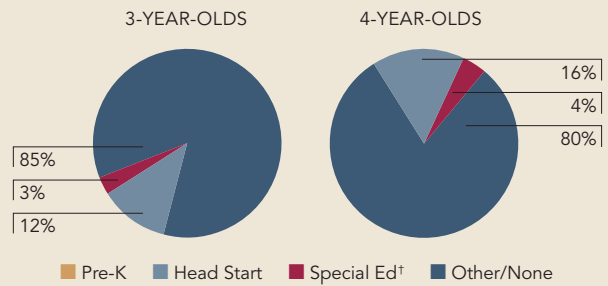
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
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	1,100
Federally funded Head Start enrollment.....	2,340
State-funded Head Start enrollment	374 ¹

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



[†] This number represents children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

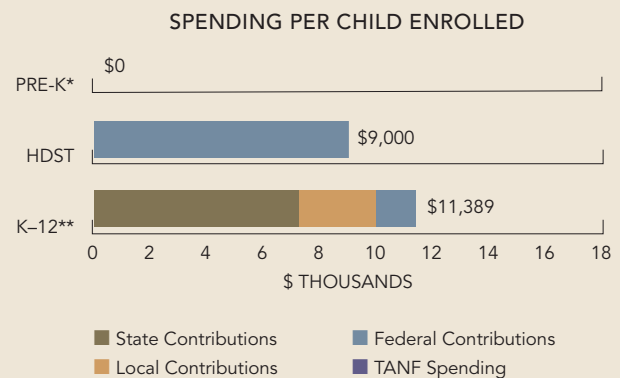
QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

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RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$0
Local match required?	NA
State Head Start spending	\$6,077,200
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.

**K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures.

Data are for the '07-'08 school year, unless otherwise noted.

¹ Alaska does not require a specific amount of slots to be offered using the state funds it provides to federal Head Start programs, although an estimated 374 additional 3- and 4-year-olds were served in 2007-2008. This figure is based on the total number of non-ACF-funded children served and the percentage of 3- and 4-year-olds as reported in the 2007-2008 Head Start PIR.