American Samoa does not provide publicly funded preschool as defined in this report but does support early childhood education in several other ways. The Early Childhood Education/Head Start (ECE/HS) division is housed within the American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE). The ASDOE and both elementary and secondary schools operate early childhood education centers.

The American Samoa Children’s Cabinet serves as the territory’s early childhood advisory council. The Cabinet operates under the Office of the Governor and includes representation from the ASDOE, the Department of Human and Social Services, and the Department of Health.

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

As of January 2017, American Samoa was in the late stages of developing a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) with components including parent engagement, administration, professional development, and health/safety.

In 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ASDOE received $264 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding from the U.S. Department of Education. A portion of this funding went to improve school facilities, including early childhood education (ECE) centers. First, funds were used to improve and develop outdoor play areas in ECE centers to support outdoor play, encourage social distancing, and ensure accessibility of playgrounds or outdoor play areas for children with special needs. Second, funding will be used to ensure that all ECE centers are equipped with mini libraries.

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ACCESS
Total state pre-K enrollment .............................................................. 0
School districts that offer state program ........................................ NA
Income requirement ........................................................................ NA
Minimum hours of operation .......................................................... NA
Operating schedule ........................................................................ NA
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ................................. 41
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ............... 1,332
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ....................... 0

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

RESOURCES
Total state pre-K spending ............................................................ $0
Local match required? ................................................................. NA
State Head Start spending ............................................................ $0
State spending per child enrolled ................................................ $0
All reported spending per child enrolled* ..................................... $0

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED
* Pre-K programs may receive additional funds from federal or local sources that are not included in this figure.
** 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.

Data are for the 2020-2021 school year, unless otherwise noted.