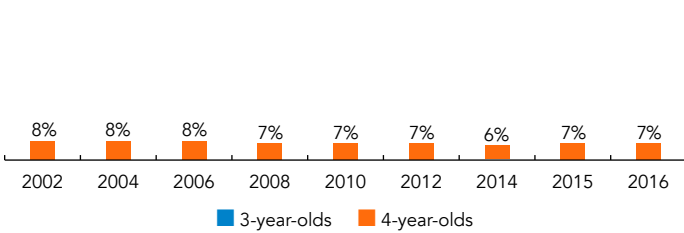


Delaware

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2016 DOLLARS)



Since the program began in 1994, the Delaware Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP) has provided comprehensive early learning services for Head Start-eligible 4-year-olds. Modeled after the federal Head Start program, ECAP requires participating programs to follow Head Start Performance Standards. Ten percent of enrollment slots are reserved for children with disabilities; the remainder of children must live in families whose income is at or below 100% FPL. The 2007 Head Start Reauthorization Act allowed children living in households with incomes between 100 and 130% FPL to comprise, at most, 35% of the programs' funded enrollment.

Community Needs Assessment Data determine who receive ECAP grants, which are available to for-profit child care, Head Start agencies, public schools, and private and faith-based centers.

Delaware Stars is the quality rating improvement system (QRIS) for early childhood programs, which aligns with the Head Start Performance Standards. Since December 2012, all ECAP programs must participate in the Delaware Stars QRIS. ECAP-only programs that do not receive mixed funding, if successfully monitored, can participate in an alternate pathway to QRIS and enter with a Star 4 rating. All ECAP programs are required to maintain at least a Star 4 rating.

In the 2017-2018 school year, 3-year-olds will be eligible for ECAP-funded enrollment in order to move toward a system of continuity within the state.

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

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
9	18

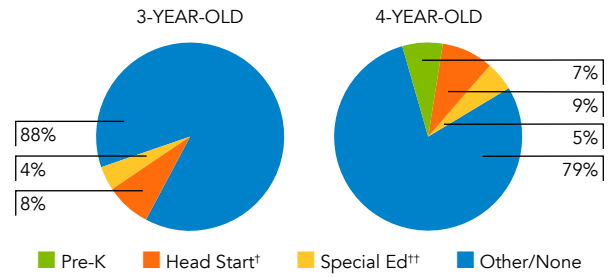
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
8	6

DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECAP)

ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	843
School districts that offer state program	100% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement	100% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	3.5 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	Determined locally
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	1,259
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	1,573
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	272

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



† Some Head Start children may also be counted in state pre-K.
 ** Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	DE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	—	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public); AA (nonpublic)	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, ECE SpEd ¹²	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	90 hours/5 years (public teachers); 18 hours/year (non-public teachers & assistants); 15 hours/5 years (public assistants); PD plans; coaching per QRIS	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For teachers & assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	20 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:10 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Lunch, snack	At least one meal/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discontinued	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations in randomly selected classroom (less than once/year); Improvement plan	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
			8		
				6	

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$6,149,300
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	Not reported
State spending per child enrolled	\$7,295
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$7,295

* 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.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

