

NO PROGRAM

Idaho does not have a state funded preschool program, but some TANF money goes to early education. The state invests \$200,000 in TANF to support 140 Head Start slots. Additionally, in 2017, the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program received \$677,000 to serve 28 children through an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant in Canyon and Twin Fall Counties.

Idaho updated and revised their Early Learning eGuidelines in 2013. The eGuidelines cover a broad range of early learning domains, including: motor development, physical well-being, and health; approaches to learning and cognitive development; general knowledge; social-emotional development; and communication, language, and literacy. Approaches to learning, social and emotional development, and cognition domains include guidance through third grade while the other domains cover birth through kindergarten. The eGuidelines are aligned with the Idaho Core Standards, the Head Start Child Outcome Framework, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards. The Idaho State Head Start Collaboration Office with the Idaho Department of Education is planning to revise the Early Learning eGuidelines in 2019.

The Idaho STARS project is a multi-agency collaboration and operates in all seven regions of the state. Idaho STARS encompasses four core function areas: Continuous Quality Improvement, Professional Development System (PDS), Operations and Policy, and Outreach. These core function areas include Idaho's QRIS – Steps to Quality (STQ), Professional Development System Registry, Training Development, Program Assessment, Child Care Health Consultants, Child Care Resource and Referrals, State Licensing and Subsidy support, and Training and Academic Scholarships. Participation in Idaho STARS is voluntary. Steps to Quality enrollment increased by three percent while the PDS Registry enrollment increased by 11% from January 2017 to January 2018.

A coalition of early childhood advocates continues to advance efforts for state investments in high quality preschool options. Over the past year, a statewide poll was conducted to better understand Idaho voters' and parents' position on state investments in preschool opportunities for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The survey showed that 76% of voters and 80% of parents support state investments in preschool. The coalition will use this information to continue to increase public support and advance legislation to provide preschool opportunities for young children.

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

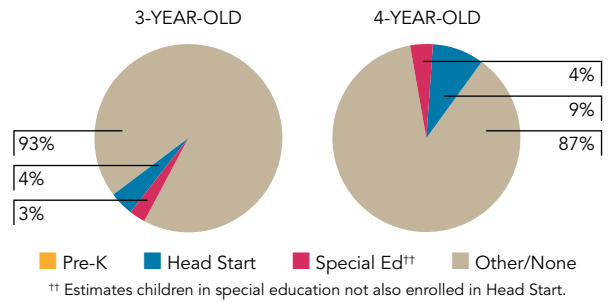
RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
No Program	

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	2,073
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	2,971
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	0

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



QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

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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

* 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

