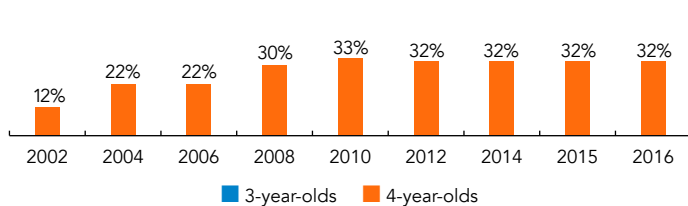
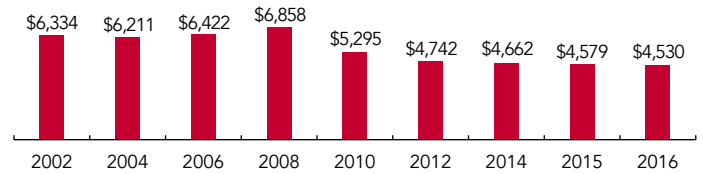


# Louisiana

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2016 DOLLARS)



The 8(g) Student Enhancement Block Grant Program was created to compensate for the loss of the Model Early Childhood Program when matching annual appropriations for that program ended. At that time, local school districts began using the 8(g) Block Grant Program to offer preschool programs to at-risk 4-year-olds. In the 2015-2016 school year, 65 of 70 districts used 8(g) block grants to provide preschool to 2,311 children. Enrollment priority is given to children from low-income families, but children also qualify for the program if they are screened and deemed “developmentally unprepared.”

Louisiana also operates two other state-funded preschool programs alongside the 8(g). Louisiana’s largest pre-K program, The Cecil J. Picard LA4 Early Childhood Program (formerly LA4 and Starting Points) was established in 2001 and serves children in public schools, charter schools and one tribal school. In the 2015-2016 school year, 16,183 four-year-olds were enrolled.

Also established in 2001, the Non-Public Schools Early Childhood Development program (NSECD) reimburses preschool tuition for enrolled children from families with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level. With the implementation of Act 3 and unification of Louisiana’s preschool programs, preschool tuition is now reimbursed for families at 185% of the federal poverty level. Programs operate in 16 parishes throughout the state, though all parishes have the opportunity to participate.

An assessment of process quality and program impact/child outcomes for Louisiana’s three pre-K programs was conducted by the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Learning at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 2012-2013. A 2015-2016 evaluation is currently in process for the NSECD program.

During the 2012 session, the Louisiana Legislature passed Act 3, unifying multiple early childhood initiatives under the direction of the Department of Education and in collaboration with other state agencies. This system contains aligned program standards, a quality rating and improvement accountability system in which all programs receiving state and/or federal funds will be required to participate, a unified professional development system, birth-through-five early learning and development standards, and a cross-agency integrated data system.

In July 2013, the Department of Education launched 13 Community Network Pilots to test this new unified system. In January 2015, the state expanded the number of Community Network Pilots to include an additional 33 communities on the way to full implementation of Act 3, scheduled for the 2015-2016 school year, considered to be a learning year. During the learning year, the state released Practice Performance Profiles assigning each site and network a rating with no consequences based on results. After the learning year, any program rated unsatisfactory for any two years in a three-year period will not be eligible for public funding.

In 2014, Louisiana was awarded a competitive federal Preschool Development Grant for \$2.4 million. In the 2015-2016 school year, pursuant to Bulletin 140, network members statewide will participate in the early childhood care and education accountability system, which includes both classroom observations and student assessment, and in the coordinated enrollment process. A total of 340 children are served using these grant dollars in new slots.

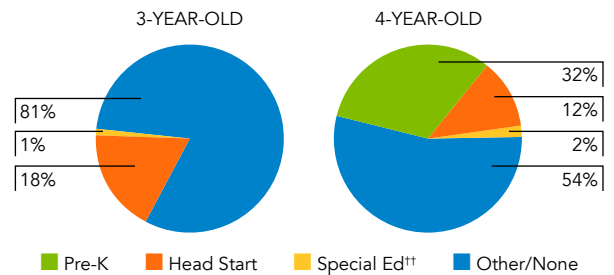
To document the contributions Louisiana makes to prekindergarten, we first present summary information reflecting the state’s overall performance through enrollment and state spending for all three programs. We then present additional details about the 8(g), Cecil J. Picard LA4, and NSECD programs.

## LOUISIANA STATE OVERVIEW

### ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	19,860
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	5,293
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	18,485
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4.....	0

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

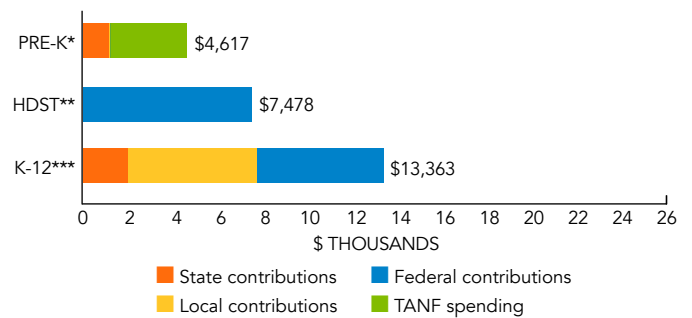


\*\* Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

### RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$89,974,433
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$4,530
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$4,617

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.

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

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
24	31

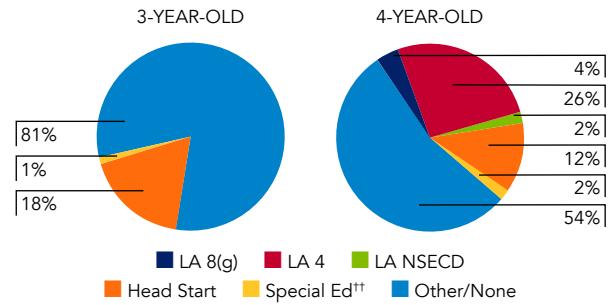
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
9	8

# LOUISIANA 8(G) STUDENT ENHANCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	2,311
School districts that offer state program .....	93%
Income requirement .....	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	6 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	5,293
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	18,485

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



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## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

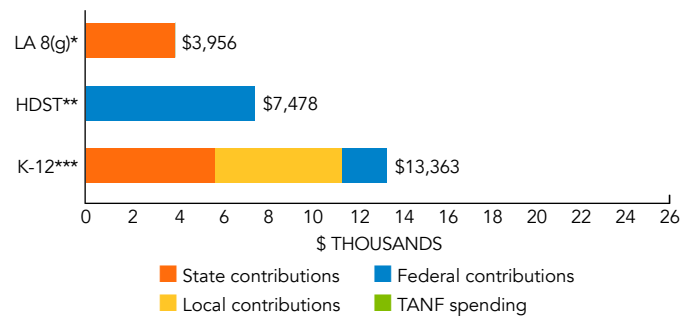
POLICY	LA 8(g) REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	—	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	P-3 <sup>11</sup>	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	18 clock hours/year; coaching	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	Support services <sup>5</sup>	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Breakfast, lunch, snack	At least one meal/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discontinued	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations (more than once/year); Improvement plan	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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				<b>7</b>	

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$9,142,013
Local match required? .....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,956
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$3,956

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

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

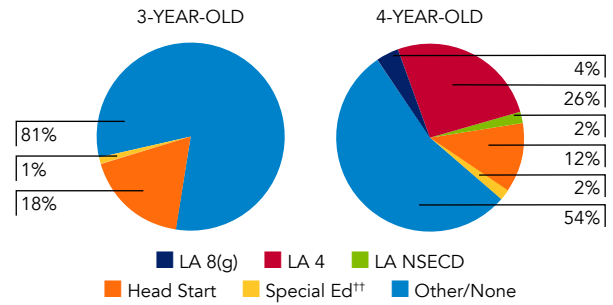


# CECIL J. PICARD LA 4 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment ..... 16,183  
 School districts that offer state program ..... 91%  
 Income requirement ..... 185% FPL  
 Minimum hours of operation ..... 6 hours/day; 5 days/week  
 Operating schedule ..... School or academic year  
 Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ..... 5,293  
 Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 ..... 18,485

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



\*\* Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

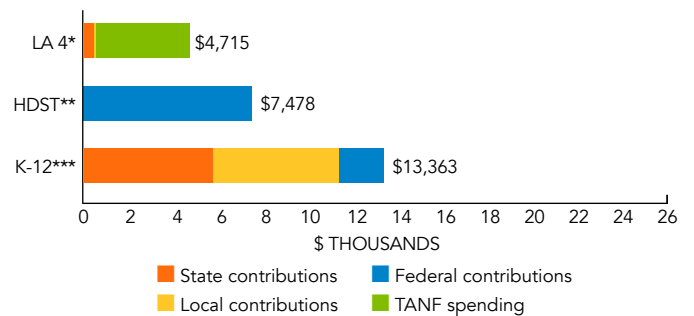
POLICY	LA 4 REQUIREMENT	CURRENT BENCHMARK	MEETS CURRENT BENCHMARK?	NEW BENCHMARK	MEETS NEW BENCHMARK?
Early learning & development standards	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	—	Approval process & supports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	P-3, ECE SpEd <sup>13</sup>	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	18 clock hours/year; coaching	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, immunizations; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Breakfast, lunch, snack	At least one meal/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discontinued	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations (more than once/year); Improvement plan	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending ..... \$74,576,140  
 Local match required? ..... No  
 State spending per child enrolled ..... \$4,608  
 All reported spending per child enrolled\* ..... \$4,715

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

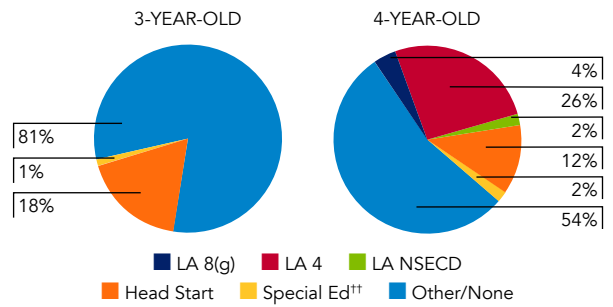


# LOUISIANA NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (NSECD)

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	1,366
School districts that offer state program .....	25% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement .....	185% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	6 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	5,293
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	18,485

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



†† Estimates children in special education not also enrolled in state pre-K or Head Start.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	LA NSECD 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	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	P-3, ECE SpEd <sup>12</sup>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	CDA	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDA or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	18 clock hours/year; coaching	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, immunizations; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vision, hearing & health screenings; & referral	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	Breakfast, lunch, snack	At least one meal/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discontinued	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Structured classroom observations (more than once/year); Improvement plan	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			10		
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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$6,256,280
Local match required? .....	No
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$4,580
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$4,580

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SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

