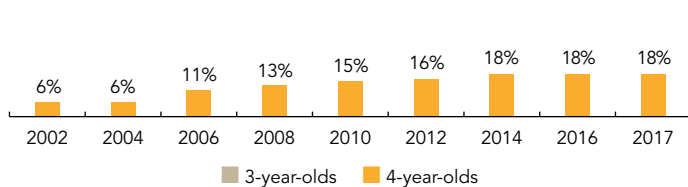
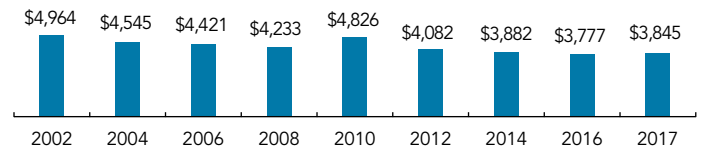


# Virginia

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED (2017 DOLLARS)



The Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) began in 1995 to serve at-risk 4-year-olds not enrolled in existing preschool programs. The VPI program served 18,023 four-year-old children in the 2016-2017 school year, a slight decrease from the previous year. VPI programs may provide services on either a part- or school-day schedule throughout the school year, with most children attending school-day programs in 2016-2017. Eighty-nine percent of eligible school divisions operate VPI classrooms, and the majority of children participate in public school settings. Funding allocations to local school divisions are based on the number of students eligible for free lunch, but criteria for student eligibility are based on risk factors including, but not limited to: poverty, family unemployment, limited English proficiency, homelessness, parent with limited education, and parent incarceration.

In the 2015-2016 school year, new eligibility criteria were mandated by the General Assembly to include children living in households with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level. Previously, there was no state mandated income requirement for program eligibility. In the 2016-2017 school year, new income requirements allowed 15% of slots to filled using locally determined eligibility criteria.

Lottery revenues continued to account for all state funding for VPI in 2016-2017. In 2011, VPI was evaluated for both program quality and child outcomes by the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. Program monitoring by state education staff and consultants was conducted through site visits every two years prior to 2011-2012 to review program facilities, on-site safety procedures, and program record checks. Site visits were eliminated due to budget constraints in 2011-2012. Desk monitoring of local plans and results of child assessments continue as methods to conduct an annual review of program-level outcomes.

Virginia's federal preschool expansion grant program, VPI+, expands services to 4-year-olds in high needs communities. The state serves an additional 1,406 students in 11 school divisions within this program. PDG funding was also used to enhance the quality of 1,891 VPI slots in 2016-2017.

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

RESOURCE RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
29	24

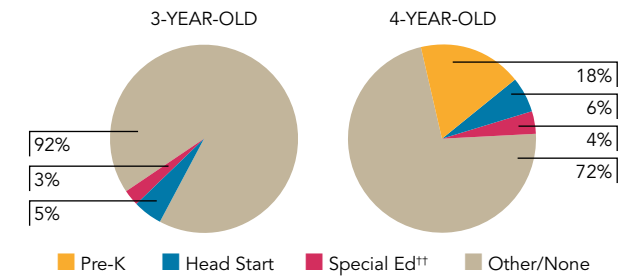
TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET	
CURRENT STANDARDS	NEW STANDARDS
6	6

# VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE

## ACCESS

Total state pre-K enrollment.....	18,023
School districts that offer state program .....	89%
Income requirement .....	200% FPL
Minimum hours of operation.....	3 hours/day; 5 days/week
Operating schedule.....	School or academic year
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	10,025
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4 .....	11,833
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.

## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	VA 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"/>	<b>Comprehensive, aligned, supported, culturally sensitive</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curriculum supports	Approval process & supports	New in 2015-2016	—	<b>Approval process &amp; supports</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	BA (public); HSD (nonpublic)	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>BA</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	ECE, CD, or CDA	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Specializing in pre-K</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD (public); None (nonpublic)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CDA or equivalent</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff professional development	15 hours/year (teachers only)	For teachers: At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>For teachers &amp; assistants: At least 15 hours/year; individual PD plans; coaching</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size	18 (4-year-olds)	20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>20 or lower</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff-child ratio	1:9 (4-year-olds)	1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>1:10 or better</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Screening & referral	Vision, hearing, health & more; Support services	Vision, hearing, health & at least one support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Vision, hearing &amp; health screenings; &amp; referral</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	None	At least one meal/day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Discontinued</b>	—
Monitoring/Continuous quality improvement system	Other monitoring; Monitoring data used for program improvement	Site visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Structured classroom observation; program improvement plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<b>6</b>		
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## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$69,296,590
Local match required? .....	Yes
State Head Start spending .....	\$0
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$3,845
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$6,100

\* 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

