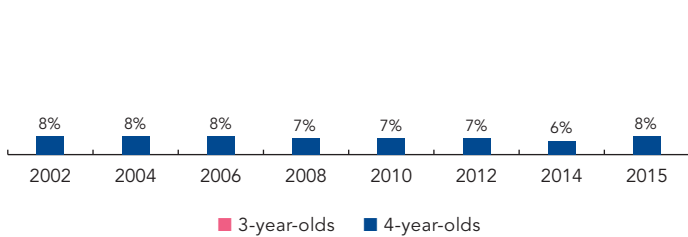


Delaware

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED*



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED* (2015 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. In 2007, the Head Start Reauthorization Act was enabled, allowing children living in households with incomes at 100 to 130% FPL to make up, 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 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. ECAP programs that are funded through other sources start with a rating of 1. A Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant was awarded to Delaware, with the goal of all ECAP programs attaining 5 stars.

Although there is no state-level policy regulating services for dual language learner students, the state does consider home language other than English for children and/or families as an eligibility criterion for enrollment in the state preschool program.

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

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
9	13

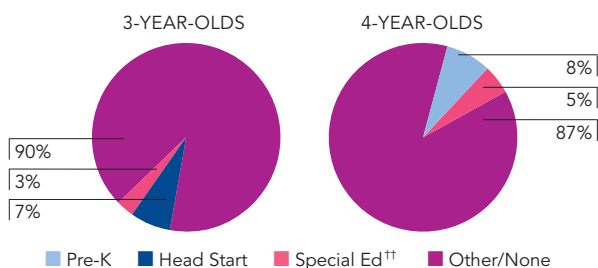
POLICIES TO SUPPORT	
DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNERS	WORKFORCE
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DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECAP)

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	843
School districts that offer state program	100% (counties/parishes)
Income requirement	100% FPL
Hours of operation	3.5 hours/day, 5 days/week ¹
Operating schedule	Determined locally ¹
Special education enrollment, ages 3 and 4	1,188
Federally funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	1,648
State-funded Head Start enrollment, ages 3 and 4	843

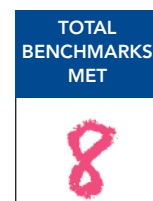
STATE PRE-K AND HEAD START ENROLLMENT AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION



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

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?
Early learning standards	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teacher degree	AA	BA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher specialized training	None ¹	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant teacher degree	HSD	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher in-service	18 hours/year	At least 15 hours/year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum class size		20 or lower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	20		
Staff-child ratio		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	NA		
4-year-olds	1:10		
Screening/referral and support services	Vision; hearing; height/weight/BMI; blood pressure; immunizations; psychosocial/behavioral; dental; developmental; full physical exam; and support services	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meals	One meal and one snack	At least 1/day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring	Site visits and other monitoring	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



RESOURCES

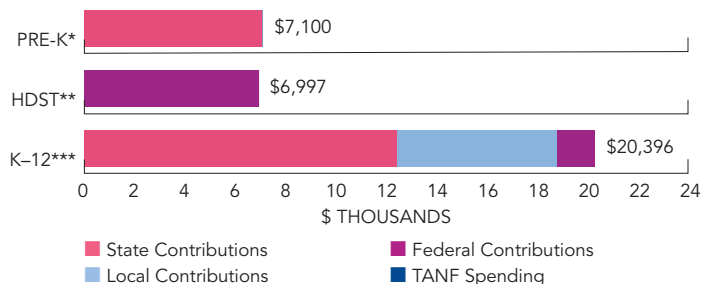
Total state pre-K spending	\$5,985,300
Local match required?	No
State Head Start spending	\$5,985,300
State spending per child enrolled	\$7,100
All reported spending per child enrolled*	\$7,100

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

** Head Start per-child spending for the 2014-2015 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years' figures have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '14-'15 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



¹ ECAP follows the Head Start Performance Standards. Under the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007, all lead teachers were required to have at least an AA by October 2011; by September 30, 2013, 50 percent had to have earned at least a BA. By September 30, 2013, all assistant teachers had to have earned at least a CDA or be enrolled in a program to receive a CDA, AA, or BA within two years. Teachers in nonpublic programs must meet Delaware Office of Child Care Licensing requirements of nine college credits in EC, a CDA, or the state-approved courses Training Early Care and Education I and II. Public school assistant teachers must successfully complete the Praxis test.