

New Hampshire

NO PROGRAM

While New Hampshire does not have a state-funded pre-K program meeting the criteria of this report, the state supports early childhood education through several measures. Oversight for early education and care services for children from birth through 5 years is assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services which licenses early childhood programs and administers preschool scholarships through its child care assistance program for low-income families.

Though the Department of Education's authority does not begin until kindergarten, it does oversee the provision of early childhood special education as well early childhood teacher licensure endorsement for nursery school through grade three. Efforts are being taken to align birth through age 5 services with K-12 by both departments and the SPARK New Hampshire Early Childhood Advisory Council. In 2013 the state submitted an ultimately unsuccessful application for competitive federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge funds with the Department of Education identified as the lead agency.

The New Hampshire Early Learning Guidelines were introduced in 2005. Addressing development and learning for children birth through 5 years, the guidelines cover physical development, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, creative expression and aesthetic development, communication and literacy development, and health and safety. The guidelines align with New Hampshire's K-12 Curriculum Frameworks and are aligned to New Hampshire Kindergarten Readiness Indicators. Revised early learning standards are under development to be aligned with the Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics.

The New Hampshire Quality Rating and Improvement System, administered by the Child Development Bureau within the Department of Health and Human Services, is presently under revision.

A report from the U.S. Department of Education indicate that at least 2,336 general education students were enrolled in district-operated preschool programs in the 2011-2012 school year.

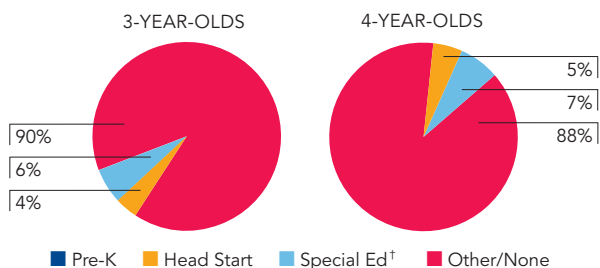
ACCESS RANKINGS	
4-YEAR-OLDS	3-YEAR-OLDS
No Program	

RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
No Program	

ACCESS

Total state program enrollment	0
School districts that offer state program	NA
Income requirement	NA
Hours of operation	NA
Operating schedule.....	NA
Special education enrollment	1,997
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	1,284
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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



† This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in Head Start.

QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET

No Program

RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending	\$0
Local match required?	NA
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 for the 2012-2013 year includes funding only for 3- and 4-year-olds served. Past years figured have unintentionally included funds for Early Head Start.

*** K-12 expenditures include capital spending as well as current operating expenditures. Data are for the '12-'13 school year, unless otherwise noted.

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED

