

Northern Mariana Islands

NO PROGRAM

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) does not provide state-funded pre-K as defined in this report; however, the territory supports early education in several ways. Since 1984, the Head Start program in the CNMI has operated under the auspices of the Public School System. The CNMI Head Start Program operates 10 centers on several islands, which provide morning and afternoon center-based services four days per week, 152 days of the school year. CNMI served approximately 400 preschool-age children in 2013-2014. Specialized services for young children with special needs are also provided.

Programs in CNMI use early learning guidelines for children from birth through 5 years, which are aligned with the Head Start Child Development and Learning Framework. These standards address multiple domains, including physical development and health, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts expression, logic and reasoning, social studies, and English language development.

CNMI uses program quality assessment tools for quality assurance and monitoring. Program assessments are one component of a quality rating and improvement system currently under development.

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.....	
Federally funded Head Start enrollment	
State-funded Head Start enrollment	0

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.

