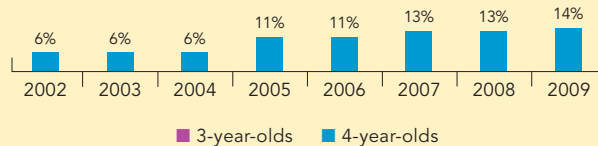
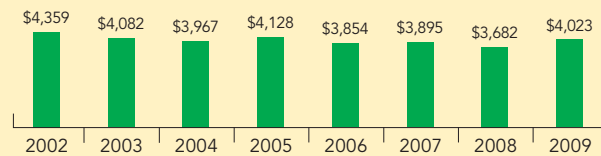


# Virginia

PERCENT OF STATE POPULATION ENROLLED



STATE SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED  
(2009 DOLLARS)



**I**n 1995, the Virginia Preschool Initiative began serving at-risk 4-year-old children who were not already enrolled in existing preschool programs. Eligibility for the program is determined locally based on risk factors which include but are not limited to family unemployment, parents with limited education, homelessness, limited English proficiency, parental incarceration, and poverty.

Funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative is distributed to public school districts and local departments of social services, but these agencies may in turn contract with Head Start programs or private child care centers to offer preschool education services. Programs operating on a half-day schedule receive 50 percent of the full-day funding allocation. Communities receiving funding for the initiative are required to contribute matching funds based on a local composite index of district resources. Effective in the 2009-2010 school year, the local match will be capped at half the per-pupil amount.

In the 2004-2005 school year, funding allocations were increased to serve 90 percent of at-risk children not already enrolled in other preschool programs. The state increased per-pupil funding again in the 2006-2007 program year to offer access to all at-risk 4-year-olds. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the per-pupil rate increased further due to an additional \$22 million allocated to support the initiative over the biennium.

As of the 2007-2008 school year, all Virginia Preschool Initiative programs are required to follow the newly revised early learning standards, which now include history, personal and social development, physical and motor development, science, and social science standards.

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

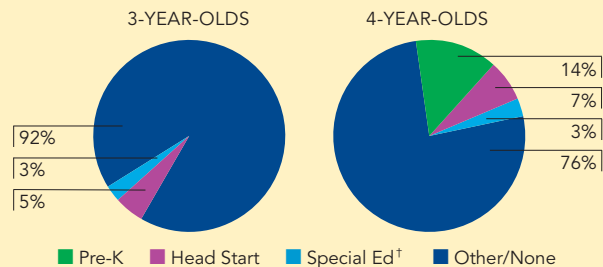
RESOURCES RANKINGS	
STATE SPENDING	ALL REPORTED SPENDING
19	13

# VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE

## ACCESS

Total state program enrollment .....	14,585
School districts that offer state program .....	82%
Income requirement .....	None
Hours of operation .....	3 hours/day (half-day), 6 hours/day (full-day); 5 days/week <sup>1</sup>
Operating schedule .....	Academic year
Special education enrollment .....	9,648
Federally funded Head Start enrollment .....	12,110
State-funded Head Start enrollment .....	0

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



<sup>†</sup> This is an estimate of children in special education who are not enrolled in state-funded pre-K or Head Start.

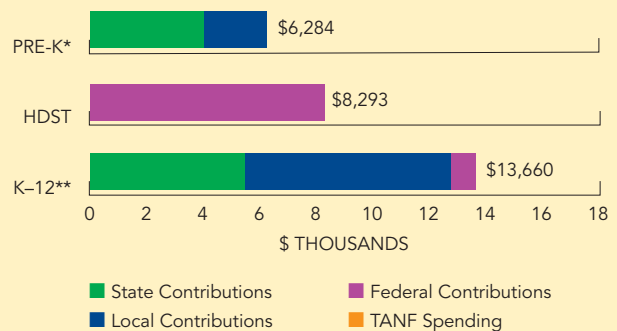
## QUALITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

POLICY	STATE PRE-K REQUIREMENT	BENCHMARK	DOES REQUIREMENT MEET BENCHMARK?	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>TOTAL BENCHMARKS MET</b>   <span style="font-size: 2em; color: blue;">8</span> </div>
Early learning standards .....	Comprehensive	Comprehensive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher degree .....	BA <sup>2</sup>	BA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher specialized training .....	Certification in Pre-K-3, or Pre-K-6 <sup>2</sup>	Specializing in pre-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant teacher degree .....	HSD (public); None (nonpublic)	CDA or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Teacher in-service .....	15 clock hours	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 .....	18			
Staff-child ratio .....		1:10 or better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3-year-olds .....	NA			
4-year-olds .....	1:9			
Screening/referral and support services .....	Vision, hearing, health; and support services <sup>3</sup>	Vision, hearing, health; and at least 1 support service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Meals .....	None <sup>4</sup>	At least 1/day	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monitoring .....	Site visits <sup>5</sup>	Site visits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

## RESOURCES

Total state pre-K spending .....	\$58,679,197
Local match required? .....	Yes, based on composite index of local ability to pay
State spending per child enrolled .....	\$4,023
All reported spending per child enrolled* .....	\$6,284

SPENDING PER CHILD ENROLLED



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

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

Data are for the '08-'09 school year, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>1</sup> Localities may choose to offer half-day programs for 3 hours per day or full-day programs for 6 hours per day. Most programs operate on a full-day schedule.

<sup>2</sup> Starting in the 2008-2009 school year, lead teachers in nonpublic settings are required to hold at least a BA and appropriate specialized training.

<sup>3</sup> Support services include parent involvement activities, health services for children, and referral to social services. Other comprehensive services, including developmental and dental screenings and referrals and the annual number of required parent conferences or home visits are determined locally.

<sup>4</sup> Currently, the state offers the opportunity for all programs to provide meals, but programs are not required to do so. Based on further clarification, this policy does not meet NIEER's requirement. In 2008-2009, all but six programs provided some form of meals.

<sup>5</sup> Site visits are required every two years.