

Preschool Enrollment Guidelines

Student Eligibility

Enrollment in the Voluntary Preschool program is based upon a child's eligibility in TCA 49-6-101-104. The preschool state statute specifies that each LEA is authorized to and may enroll any at-risk child who is 4 years old by August 15 and resides in the geographic area served by the LEA, with first priority given to children who are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program.

Enrollment Priority Requirements:

1st Requirement-Pursuant to state law 49-6-101: students eligible for the free and reduced lunch program.

2nd Requirement-students with disabilities, students identified as ELL, in state custody, or those as educationally at-risk for failure due to circumstances of abuse or neglect.

If an insufficient number of children meeting the above enrollment requirement are enrolled to fill a specific classroom the LEA may enroll any child that meets the age requirement and the requirements set forth by the Community Pre-K Advisory Council.

3rd Requirement-students who meet local at-risk criteria as established by the local Community Pre-K Advisory Council or who do not meet any at-risk criteria but are considered unserved or underserved may be enrolled by a process established by the C-PAC.