

Eligibility and Placement

Bright Beginnings Pre-K serves 2,800 eligible four-year-old students who have a demonstrated educational need and are at risk of failing to meet North Carolina's performance standards. Eligibility for participation in the Bright Beginnings program is determined through a screening process, which includes the administration of the Brigance Early Childhood Screening, a parent survey, parent interview and an observation by the person who screens the child. Each child receives a score which indicates the level of educational need and children with the greatest educational needs are placed first. The placement process continues until all spaces are filled. Pre-K is fully inclusive, some spaces are reserved for children who have disabilities but have not participated in the screening.

NC Pre-K serves an additional 1,000 children in high quality community based child-care centers and nonprofit preschools. Eligibility for NC Pre-K is based on the family size and gross income.* Placement priority is given to children who received no prior early education services outside the home in a group setting.

Many children are eligible for both NC Pre-K and Title I.

NC Pre-K Requirements and Guidance

A child that meets the age requirements (four years old on or before August 31, 2017) is eligible if the child is from a family whose gross income is at or below 75% of the State Median Income level. *

Income eligibility is based on family size gross income, as demonstrated below:

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C. Eligibility for Families at or below 75% of State Median Income	
Income eligibility for NC Pre-K is determined by family size and gross income.	
Table 1. 75 % STATE MEDIAN INCOME	
Family Size	75 Percent State Median Income
1	\$26,069
2	\$34,090
3	\$42,112
4	\$50,133
5	\$58,154
6	\$66,176
7	\$67,680
8	\$69,184
9	\$70,688
10	\$72,192
11	\$73,696
12	\$75,200
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