



Prekindergarten Enrollment:

In order to determine student eligibility for Prekindergarten, please use the following factors:

- Age of entrance
 - 3-years-old by September 1st for 3-year-old programs- no early entrance
 - 4-years-old by September 1st for 4-year-old programs- LEA early entrance policy and local regulations apply

- Income eligibility
 - Minimum- children from families with income at or below 185% of FPG must be offered at least a half day program
 - Prekindergarten Expansion Grant
 - Children from families at or below 300% of FPG are offered a full day
 - Children with an IEP or extended IFSP are eligible regardless of income
 - Children from families who are homeless are eligible regardless of income
 - Children from homes in which English is not the primary spoken language may be eligible based on the responses to the Home Language Survey-if two or more responses on the Home Language Survey list a language other than English, they are eligible regardless of income. The responses are used for eligibility for PreK only. Children should not be screened for ELD services at this time.
 - MD State Prekindergarten Program Grant (private providers only)
 - Children from families at or below 300% of FPG are offered a full day
 - To determine income eligibility, use the template form attached or an LEA form that includes the elements and verification documentation listed on the template as well as the Poverty Guidelines chart

- Mixed delivery system
 - To ensure consistency in enrollment for families, the form will be used with families regardless of whether the parent chooses to enroll in public or private provider setting.

- Reminder: LEA Blueprint funding each year is based on the total September 30th full day 3-year-old and 4-year-old enrollment count for children from families at or below 300%. LEAs may expand and offer Prekindergarten to families above 300% using local funds, but Blueprint funding will not be provided.