

At-Risk Criteria

Children must meet one or more of the at-risk criteria listed in the table below and be enrolled on count day (September 20) to be eligible to generate funding. To be eligible for funding, a child must be properly reported on the ENRL report in the KIDS Collection System. Documentation for the criterion met for each child will need to be available for auditors.

At Risk Criteria for Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program	Clarification
1. Poverty	Qualifies for free meals under the National School Lunch Program on September 20, 2023. Note that this criterion will match the criteria for determining which PreK-12 students generate the at-risk weighting for the 2023-2034 school year.
2. Single Parent Families	Custodial parent is unmarried on the first day of school.
3. Kansas Department for Child and Families (DCF) referral	The reason for the referral must describe the need for the child to attend the PreK program and be documented and signed by the DCF agent.
4. Teen Parents	At least one parent was a teenager when the child was born.
5. Either parent is lacking a high school diploma or GED	At least one parent is lacking a high school diploma or a GED on the first day of school.
6. Limited English Proficiency	The student must qualify for bilingual weighting and ESOL services must be provided. Forms must be in child's file. See the KSDE ESOL/Bilingual Education Program Guidance for process and criteria. NOTE: ESOL services must be provided by qualified teachers.
7. Lower than expected developmental progress in at least one of the following areas: cognitive development; physical development; communication/literacy; social-emotional/behavior; adaptive behavior/self-help skills	Based on appropriate and valid assessment results, the developmental progress of the child has been determined by a trained professional to be lower than typically expected for his/her chronological age, yet above what would be considered eligible for special education services (based on the procedural manual and guidance materials of specific assessment instruments). Scores that fall at or below the 40 th percentile indicate 'at-risk'.
8. Child qualifying for migrant status	Copy of Certificate of Eligibility must be on file.
9. Child experiencing homelessness	Residence of Homeless Student while Homeless must be completed in the KIDS Collection System and the student must be included on the district's official homeless list.