



# Pre-K/Early Learning vs. Head Start

While NKCPS Pre-K/Early Learning and Head Start are separate programs, we often work closely together!

## NKCPS Criteria\*

Students' eligibility will be evaluated in this order:

- 1: Anyone with an IEP whose minutes place them in an Early Childhood Special Education setting
- 2: Anyone who meets the VPI state requirements: homelessness, at or below 200% of the federal poverty line, parent/guardian did not complete high school, student has IEP
- 3: Anyone who meets the VPI local criteria: WIC, death of a parent/guardian, deployment, etc.
- 4: Students who do not meet criteria fill remaining available spots
- 5: All other students waitlisted

## Head Start Criteria

At or below 130% of the poverty line, TANF, SSI/SSA, SNAP, foster care, homelessness, kinship care

Must be 3-years-old to start

***Students must reapply each year for both!***

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\*Must be 3 years old by 9/30/26. If your child is Head Start-eligible but under the minimum age, contact WJCC-CAA to join their waitlist. Must attend at their zoned school (unless otherwise approved).