

# Texas Prekindergarten Data

## Description:

Research confirms that the education of young children will be enhanced through their participation in programs based on sound early childhood research, theory, and practice. The agency provides more active leadership in the area of early childhood education as the public education system assumes greater responsibility for making all Texas children school ready by the time they begin kindergarten. A child is eligible for enrollment in prek if at least three years of age and is: unable to speak and comprehend the English language; educationally disadvantaged; homeless; the child of an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces; or the child of a member of the armed forces who was injured or killed while on active duty; or ever has been in foster care.

## 2000 Texas Census Data:

- 325,211 4-year-olds
- 321,979 3-year-olds
- Serving approximately 60% of eligible students (exact figure of eligible children unavailable)

## Prek Students, Teachers, Campuses Count, 2008-09

- 9,230 Prek Teachers
- 200,529 Prek Students
- 3,082 Campuses offering prekindergarten

## Prek Student Enrollment 2008-09 (includes 3- and 4-year-olds):

- 200,529 student enrollment (191,750 eligible)
- 763 districts offer a state-supported half-day prekindergarten program
- Total Full-Day Eligible = 65,099; Total Half Day Eligible = 125,561
- Subpopulation Student Groups (students may be counted in multiple categories)
  - Economically Disadvantaged: 175,481 (174,217 eligible)
  - LEP: 85,153 (84,843 eligible)
  - Homeless: 6,519
  - Military Children: 4,701
  - Foster Care: 767

## Prek Funding 2008-09:

- \$760 million/year
  - \$665 million/year FSP (Average Daily Attendance)
  - \$3,650/year per child for half-day Prek
  - \$86 million/year in Prek Early Start Grant funds (Prek Expansion Grant)
  - \$9.2 million/year TANF funds

## Prekindergarten Early Start (PKES) Grant 2009-10, funded at \$99,300,482 to 263 grantees (355 LEAs):

- 80,000+ students projected to be served
- 355 districts/open-enrollment charter schools; 491 SRI (School Readiness Integration) partner sites
- 3,950 classrooms
- Funding: \$104,300,000/year (2009-2011 Biennium from TEA Rider 45)

## TSR! (Texas School Ready!) Grant 2009-10

- 32 school districts, 29,335 students, 31 grantees
- 1,642 Classrooms: school district = 620, Head Start = 581, child care = 441
- \$7.5 million/year (2009-2011 Biennium from TEA Rider 41); Total funding: \$59.1 million (2005-2010)

## SRCS (School Readiness Certification System)

- 2009-2010 school year: 2,084 Texas School Ready!™ classrooms serving 50,000+ students (data from 2008-09 school year) (approximately: 25% child care, 25% Head Start, 50% school districts)
- Total (2006-2009): 3,703 certified classrooms serving 85,000+ students (total of 236,912 entered into the system)
- \$7.5 million/year (2009-10); Total funding: \$25.7 million (2005-2010)

## School Readiness Integration

- PKES grantees have implemented 491 School Readiness Integration partnerships

## Prek Tuition Approvals

- 2009-10: 20 districts