

Denton ISD Head Start ERSEA Selection Criteria

Selection Criteria	Points for Categories
Child receiving SSI	1000
Child receiving TANF	1000
Foster care	1000
Income Eligible	505
Age 3	20
Age 4	30
Transfer from another Head Start	30
Home language other than English	30
Diagnosed with mild speech or language disability	20
Diagnosed with a moderate disability such as: Emotional Disturbance, Autism, Developmental Delays, Other Health Impairments, Autism	40
Diagnosed with a severe disability such as: Intellectually Disabled, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual or Hearing Impairment, Serious Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairments, Autism.	60
Family violence, substance abuse, incarceration, eviction, or crisis.	40
Diagnosed with a Mental Health condition such as Stress and Anxiety	50
Community Referral (ECI)	10
Single Parent Household	20
Parent(s) enrolled in school or a work program	30
Medicaid, CHIPs, Food Stamps, WIC recipients	40
Age 4.6 or Older *	50
4.0 to 4.5 years old*	40
3.6 to 3.9 years old*	30
3.0 to 3.5 years old*	20
Expectant mothers with a 5-year-old child*	30
Expectant mothers with a 4-year-old child*	20
Expectant mothers with a 3-year-old child*	10
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Families displaced due to hurricanes or natural disasters*	100

New Eligibility Criteria changes to be implemented in FY19 based off the Community Assessment

Each year, our program establishes selection criteria that weighs the prioritization of participants based on the Community Assessment. Our program does not deny enrollment based on a disability or chronic health condition or its severity. Children eligible for services under IDEA are prioritized for available slots (10% of funded enrollment) in accordance with our selection criteria reflected on the chart. During recruitment, our program searches for families who believe their child/children have a suspected disability. Criteria points are given to increase eligibility for these families. Information is shared with the Disabilities Specialist to begin the Denton ISD Special Education process.

During registration, families complete an occupational survey that informs us if they are migrant workers. FY 18 occupational survey results reflected that none of our families are migrant workers. In our service area, one International Baccalaureate (IB) elementary campus offers a high-quality full school day dually funded pre-kindergarten program that serves 18 children. Ten (10) elementary campuses offer high-quality publicly funded pre-kindergarten half day programs.

Our program develops a waiting / priority list at the beginning of each enrollment year and maintains it during the year. Our waiting /priority list ranks children according to program’s selection criteria of families of most need. As

new families express interest in the program, they are added to the waiting list and ranked according to our program's selection criteria of families most needed.

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