

WAC 110-425-0085 Prioritization system. (1) Once contractors have established a pool of children who are eligible or allowed for enrollment, contractors must prioritize the children for available funded ECEAP slots.

(2) The department establishes an ECEAP prioritization system based on priority points attributed to each child who is eligible or allowed for enrollment. This system is updated periodically as related research becomes available. The most current prioritization system is accessible at <https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/eceap/contractors/direct-service-staff/enrollment> and is incorporated into the early learning management system (ELMS) which manages ECEAP eligibility and enrollment.

(3) The ECEAP prioritization system incorporates the prioritization requirements included in RCW 43.216.505(4), 43.216.512, and 43.216.514.

(4) Priority points are awarded for:

- (a) Child welfare system involvement;
- (b) Homelessness;
- (c) Family income calculated as a percentage of the federal poverty level;
- (d) Four-year olds who are within one year of kindergarten eligibility;
- (e) Limited-English proficiency which shall have the same meaning as the phrase "English as a second language" under RCW 43.216.512;
- (f) Individualized education program (IEP);
- (g) Suspected or diagnosed developmental delay or disability for a child without an IEP;
- (h) Incarcerated parent;
- (i) Child's previous expulsion from an early learning setting due to behavior;
- (j) Family domestic violence;
- (k) Family substance abuse;
- (l) Family mental illness;
- (m) Other risk factors determined by the department to be linked by research to school performance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.512, 43.216.525, 43.216.540, and 43.216.555. WSR 19-24-014, § 110-425-0085, filed 11/21/19, effective 12/22/19.]