

WAC 392-425-040 Student eligibility. (1) Children meeting the following criteria are eligible to participate in a transition to kindergarten program offered by an eligible local education agency:

(a) A child who has been determined, by the local education agency, to benefit from additional preparation for kindergarten through a screening process and tool; and

(b) A child who is at least four years old by August 31st of the school year in which they enroll in a transition to kindergarten program.

(2) In determining student eligibility and admitting students to a transition to kindergarten program, local education agencies must:

(a) Give priority to children most in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten, as demonstrated through a screening process and tool.

(b) Give priority to children with the lowest family income not otherwise eligible and not enrolled in another local program.

(c) Not exclude, nor establish a policy to prohibit from participation, an eligible child due only to the presence of a disability.

(d) Not charge tuition or other fees from state-funded eligible students for enrollment in a transition to kindergarten program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.300.072 and 28A.150.290. WSR 24-14-074, § 392-425-040, filed 6/28/24, effective 7/29/24.]