



Selection Criteria Summary

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- The Poudre School District Early Childhood Program selects students for placement based on the established selection criteria approved by the Early Childhood Policy Council.
- Selection criteria are based on funder requirements and the community assessment which is conducted annually and reviewed for changes in the population makeup of the program area.
- Information on the selection criteria is collected from parents through self-report on the program application, the screening questionnaire, and the parent interview.
- Selection criteria for each family determine their child's place on the program wait list.
- The Enrollment Coordinator uses the selection criteria to offer openings to children who are next on the program wait list for the site where the opening is available.

PSD Early Childhood Selection Criteria include:

1. Household Income
2. Household Supports- SSI benefits, TANF/Larimer County Works supports and SNAP
3. McKinney Status-the family is considered homeless based on the McKinney-Vento Act definitions
4. Foster Status-child is currently in or awaiting foster placement
5. Language Development delays reported by the parent, a social agency, or health care provider or learning English in addition to other language(s)
6. Social/emotional delays reported by the parent, a social agency, or health care provider
7. Parent, child or sibling has current or past learning problem
8. Parent Education
9. Teen Parent Status
10. Family is a single parent/relative guardian
11. Family Health, Safety, and Stability
 - a. History of abuse or violence in the immediate family
 - b. History of drug or alcohol abuse in the immediate family
 - c. History of family receiving services from the Department of Human Services
 - d. Child has recurring minor or significant health concerns
 - e. Parent Mental Health issues or diagnosis
 - f. Incarceration
12. Immigrant, Migrant or Refugee Status

Selection Timeline

Each year beginning in January re-enrollment of current students and selection of new students begins based on the following:

- 1- Accepting currently enrolled age eligible students for the upcoming school year
- 2- Accepting Early Head Start transition students for the upcoming year
- 3- Accepting new students from the wait list based on the selection criteria for the upcoming year
 - Tuition-based students are placed based on a first-come basis with a goal of no more than 10% of enrollment in a classroom- if room is available the program may opt to enroll more than 10%
- 4- State Colorado Universal PreK list is available to EC -first week of March- EC accepts or declines the UPK match, family then accepts or declines the match. This continues through further rounds.
 - First round of acceptance letters to be emailed to families the beginning of April
 - Second round of acceptance letters to be emailed to families the beginning of June
 - Additional acceptance letters emailed prior to the first day of school
 - Ongoing acceptance as openings occur