



ECSE and Pre-K Placement for DHH and VI

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Special Education Specialized Supports Grant (SESS)

Eligible for ECSE and Placed in Pre-K

As was mentioned in the Best Practices in Early Intervention: ECI and Eligibility workshop on October 17, 2024, children who are eligible for ECSE can be placed in a Pre-K class by their ARD committee if that is the most appropriate place for the child to receive their services.

According to the 2024-25 Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH), page 126, "ECSE refers to the services provided by the school district, not the place where they are provided. Eligible children may receive ECSE services in a variety of settings, including district settings, such as pre-K, resource, and self-contained classrooms, and community settings, such as community-based Head Start programs and preschools." On page 195, the SAAH says, "Note that students, beginning at three years of age, who are eligible for and receiving special education and related services, may be placed in a pre-K class by the student's ARD committee if the committee determines that is the most appropriate placement, regardless of whether the district operates a three-year-old pre-K program. **Note:** Both three-year-olds and four-year-olds may be served in the same pre-K class."

Click the button below to see the SAAH. The sections on ECSE and pre-K are on pages 126-127 and 195. The relevant information has been highlighted.

[Student Attendance Accounting Handbook 24-25](#)