

# EARLY CHILDHOOD FAST FACTS 2019



## OKLAHOMA PRE-K

74% of students are enrolled in Pre-K as reported by the National Institute for Early Education Research.

99.4% of Oklahoma school districts report offering Pre-K

39,807 students are enrolled in Pre-K

87% enrolled in **Full Day** and 13% enrolled in **half day**

127 districts collaborate to offer Public Pre-K.

2,210 educators teach Pre-K in Oklahoma

**"Universal Pre-Kindergarten has significant effects on the academic readiness of Oklahoma's public school four-year-olds."**

*- The Effects of Oklahoma's Pre-K Program on Young Children's School Readiness  
National Institute for Early Education Research*

## OKLAHOMA KINDERGARTEN

52,515 students are enrolled in Kindergarten

2,902 educators teach Kindergarten in Oklahoma

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND FAMILY GUIDES

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is excited to share the Oklahoma Academic Standards and Family Guides for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies for Pre-K through 2nd Grade.

The OSDE Family Guides are resources aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards and developed specifically for Oklahoma families to complement classroom learning. They illustrate what is expected of students at each grade level in different content areas along with activities families can do at home to further support children's learning experiences.

**"All children benefit from Oklahoma's public school Pre-Kindergarten regardless of socioeconomic status or ethnic background."**

*- The Effects of Universal Pre-K on Cognitive Development, Georgetown University*

## SOONERSTART

SoonerStart is Oklahoma's early intervention program. It is designed to meet the needs of families with infants or toddlers with developmental delays. In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) the program builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members to enhance infant's or toddler's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

**In "The State of Preschool 2018" annual report, Oklahoma met 9 of 10 benchmarks in quality standards, including academic standards, class size and staff professional development. Only three states met all 10 benchmarks, and four states tied Oklahoma with nine benchmarks."**

*- Joy Hofmeister*

During FY18, the total number of referrals and children served from birth through age three was **13,015** including **5,558 children** who received services through an Individualized Family Service Plan.

## OKLAHOMA EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (OECPP) (70 O.S. § 10-105.4)

The OECPP provides the fiscal structure to align state and private resources to promote high-quality standards tied to minimum teacher qualifications, ongoing professional development, and parent supports designed to foster low-income families' independence and economic success. Public funding for the OECPP flows through the Oklahoma State Department of Education as a match to private funds provided by philanthropists and corporations throughout the state.

Since its inception in 2006, OECPP has benefited 19,500 children; 1,400 classrooms, 13 Rural communities; 9 Urban Communities; 20 Early Childhood Centers; 22 Community Partners.

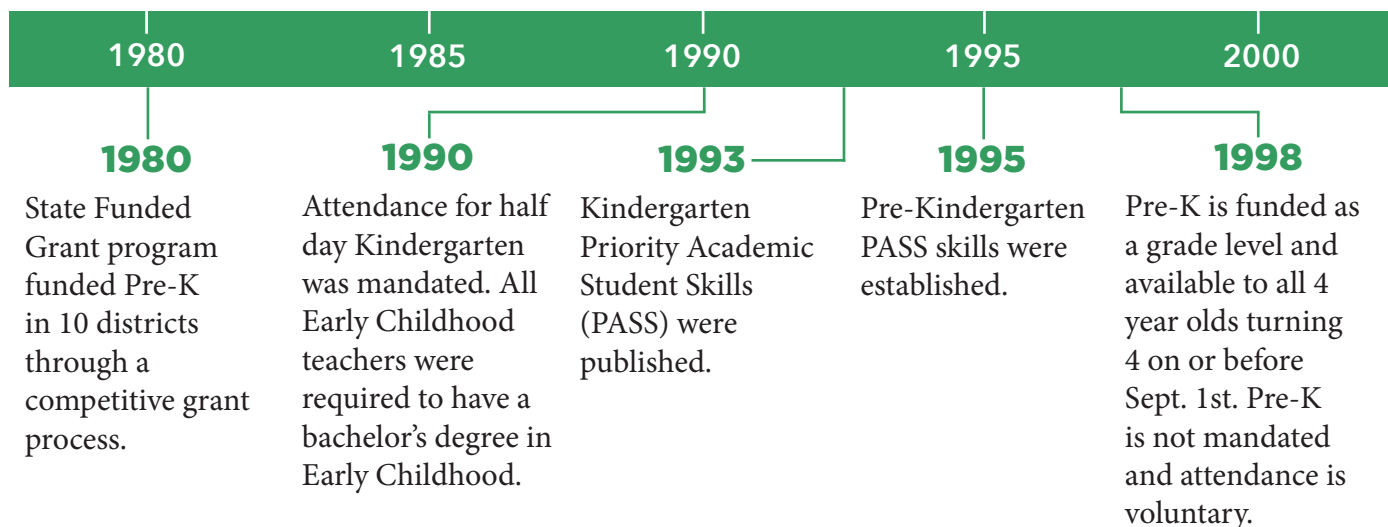
### *Number of Children Enrolled*

2006-07 - 720  
2018-19 - 2,830

### *Number of Classrooms*

2006-07 - 90  
2018-19 - 237

## HISTORY OF OKLAHOMA PRE-K



## RESOURCES

### OSDE Early Childhood Webpage

<https://sde.ok.gov/early-childhood-and-family-education>

### OSDE SoonerStart Webpage

<https://sde.ok.gov/soonerstart>

### Oklahoma Academic Standards

<https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-academic-standards>

### Oklahoma Family Guides

<https://sde.ok.gov/oklahoma-family-guides>

### Oklahoma Early Childhood Program

<https://okecp.org/>

### National Institute for Early Education Research

<http://nieer.org>



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