

AGE GUIDELINES

Home School District/child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before the dates listed below for Preschool services:

Berwick	September 1	Lake Lehman	August 31
Crestwood	September 1	Northwest	September 1
Dallas	August 31	Pittston Area	August 31
Elk Lake	September 1	Tunkhannock	September 1
Greater Nanticoke	September 1	Wilkes-Barre Area	September 1
Hanover Area	September 1	Wyalusing	September 1
Hazleton Area	August 31	Wyoming Area	August 31
Lackawanna Trail	August 23	Wyoming Valley West	September 1

AGE DETERMINATION CHART

2026-2027		2027-2028	
August 31	9-1-21 to 8-31-22 (4 yr old) 9-1-22 to 8-31-23 (3 yr old)	August 31	9-1-22 to 8-31-23 (4 yr old) 9-1-23 to 8-31-24 (3 yr old)
September 1	9-2-21 to 9-1-22 (4 yr old) 9-2-22 to 9-1-23 (3 yr old)	September 1	9-2-22 to 9-1-23 (4 yr old) 9-2-23 to 9-1-24 (3 yr old)

NOTE: The Early Head Start program serves birthing parents, beginning any time during pregnancy, and children up to the age of three (3) in selected service areas. Early Head Start children may transition to Head Start at the chronological age of three (3) and also receive priority for placement.

Family means all persons living in the household who are supported by the child's parents(s)' or guardians(s)' income; and are related to the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) by blood, marriage, or adoption; or are the child authorized caregiver or legally responsible party. Source: [1305.2 Terms](#)

HEAD START INCOME GUIDELINES (EHS & HS Preschool)

(c) *Eligibility requirements.* (1) A pregnant woman or a child is eligible if: (i) The family's **income** is equal to or below the poverty line; or, (ii) The family is eligible for or, in the absence of child care, would be potentially eligible for public assistance; including TANF child-only payments, or, (iii) The child is homeless, as defined in part 1305; or, (iv) The child is in **foster care**.

Public assistance includes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) .

Source: [Head Start 1305.12](#) **Special enrollment consideration is also given to children with disabilities.

PKC INCOME GUIDELINES

Households below 300 percent of the federal poverty rate. Special consideration: A family size value of one (1) with an income of \$0 is entered when a foster child is applying for Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts.

Source: <https://s35729.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/PKC-regs-2023-FINAL-.pdf>

2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family Unit 48 Contiguous States and D.C	100%-HS	300%-PKC
1	15,960	47,880
2	21,640	64,920
3	27,320	81,960
4	33,000	99,000
5	38,680	116,040
6	44,360	133,080
7	50,040	150,120
8	55,720	167,160
For each additional person add	5,680	17,040

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