

2017-2018 Federal Income Guidelines

The following criteria are for the screening of the children for the Hancock County Head Start/Pre-K Program:

Size of Family Unit	2017 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia
1	\$12,060
2	\$16,240
3	\$20,420
4	\$24,600
5	\$28,780
6	\$32,960
7	\$37,140
8	\$41,320

48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia for family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.

1. A child must be between ages 3-5 years old to be eligible for Head Start enrollment. Also, the child must be 3 years old on or before September 1. Children eligible for Early Head Start must be six weeks old and under three years of age on or by September 1 of the current school year.

Any child with a documented diagnosis will be eligible for acceptance into the Head Start program on his/her third (3rd) birthday or six weeks old, even if his/her birthday comes after September 1.

2. Child must be income eligible. (TANF, SSI, or low-income status). (90% low income, 10% over-income).

3. All special need children will be accepted regardless of income. (All children with disabilities should be diagnosed before entering the program). The program must enroll 10% of their funded enrollment with children with disabilities.

4. All returning Early Head Start and Head Start students will be accepted.

Hancock County Head Start/ Early Head Start Ranking System 2017-2018

Eligibility: Parental Status	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
One Parent	O	One	85
Two Parent	T	Two	65
Foster Parents	F	Foster	90
Not Child's Parent (Grandparents, relatives, etc.	N	Other	95
Eligibility : Disability Status	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
Potential or Suspected	X	Susp.	80
Diagnosed Disability (requires an IEP/IFSP	DD	DD	95
Eligibility: Income	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
At or Below Poverty Guidelines	Elig.	Elig.	E
Low Income 75% -100%	L 100%	L 100%	95
Low Income 50% -75%	L 75%	L 75 %	85
Low Income 25% -50%	L 50%	L 50%	75
Low Income 0- 25%	L 20%	L 20 %	65
Over Income /Over Poverty Guideline	0	0	0
	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
4 yrs. 0 months and older	4.0	4.0	95
3 yrs. 0 months to 3 yrs. 11 months	3.0	3.0	85
0-6 months	0-6	0-6	95
7-12 months	7-12	7-12	85
13 -14 months	13-24	13-24	75
25-36 months	25-36	25-36	65
Must have written documentation on file Eligibility : Other Issues	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
Early Head Start Enrollee	EHS	EHS	50
Head Start Enrollee	HS	HS	50
High Social Service Need (abuse, neglect)	High	High	25
Protective Service Referral	PS	PS	45
Family Crisis (terminal illness, parent incarcerated, death	Cris	Cris	45
Referral from Other Agency/Professional	Ref	Ref	60
High Risk Family (parent mental illness, disabled)	Hrisk	Hrisk	80
Serious Child Health/Nutrition Problems	Hlth	Hlth	60
Homeless	Hom	Hom	95
Sibling in Program	Sib	Sib	25

Parent Employed and or in School	ES	ES	25
Recently Unemployed (within last 6 months)	RU	RU	75
Returnee – Head Start & Early Head Start	RETE	RETE	1000
Transition from Early Head Start	TEH	TEH	45
Public Assistance, including TANF/SSI	PA	PA	95
Mental illness, disability (child) diagnosed	Risk	Risk	95
Mental illness, disability (child) suspected	LRisk	LRisk	90
Combination of two more issues	Comb	Comb	95
This section does not apply for Head Start applicants. Eligibility: Prenatal Mothers	Application Code	Eligibility Code	Points
Infant of a Pre-Natal Mother enrolled in EHS	PNM	PNM	100
High Risk Pregnancy (documented)	HRPRG	HRPRG	60
Teen Mother (less than 19 years old)	TMOM	TMOM	75
Length of Pregnancy: less than 12 week	Less 12	Les s12	40
Pregnant Mothers	PW	PW	60
12/24 Weeks	12-24	12-24	35
More than 24 weeks	Mor24	Mor24	15

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