



Rhode Island's Pre-K program offers free, high-quality learning opportunities for eligible children who live in communities where RI Pre-K programs are offered. RI Pre-K has programs available to over 2,800 children in 20 communities across Rhode Island, including childcare centers, Head Start agencies, and public schools. Spots for RI Pre-K are limited, and families must complete a lottery application with the State of Rhode Island Department of Education before the deadline.

Eligibility for Pre-Kindergarten Programs at EBCAP:

- **Residency requirement:** At this time, EBCAP provides Pre-K only to children residing in East Providence, Middletown, and Newport.
- **Age:** Children, who are 4 years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year, are eligible to apply.
- **Eligibility:** All children who meet residency and age eligibility are encouraged to apply. There is no income restriction to be eligible for this free program.
- **Selection process:** Participants are selected by a state-run lottery. Non-selected participants are placed on a wait list.