



SCHOOL READINESS ELIGIBILITY SERVICES and WAIT LIST PRIORITY POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish priorities for wait list and School Readiness recipients.

NEW PLACEMENTS

Referral/Non-Waitlist Priority Categories (FOEL Mandated)

PRIORITY	ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY
1	Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
2	Children under 9 years of age in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-Risk – Diversion • At Risk – Homeless • At Risk – Domestic Violence • At Risk – Protective Services • At Risk – Foster Care • At Risk – Out of Home Placement • At Risk – Relative Caregiver

Wait List Priority Categories

WAIT LIST PRIORITY	ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY
3(a)	Economically Disadvantaged Children ages birth to 5 (prior to kindergarten eligibility).
3(b)	Economically Disadvantaged TANF Child Only ages birth to 5 (prior to kindergarten eligibility).
4	Transitional Child Care (TCC) or Education/Training (TCC/Ted) ages birth to 5 (prior to kindergarten eligibility).
5	Children ages 9 to 13 years in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-Risk – Diversion • At-Risk – Homeless • At-Risk – Domestic Violence • At-Risk – Protective Services • At-Risk – Foster Care • At-Risk – Out of Home Placement • At-Risk – Relative Caregiver

6(a)	Economically Disadvantaged children ages 5 (kindergarten eligible) to 13 years. Contingent upon the availability of funds, priority will be given to children ages 5 (kindergarten eligible) through age 8. (Temporary expansion of these age ranges to include 9 - 13, dependent upon availability of funds, may be authorized by the Executive Director and reported at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors.)
6(b)	Economically Disadvantaged TANF Child Only children ages 5 (kindergarten eligible) through age 13. Contingent upon the availability of funds, priority will be given to children ages 5 (kindergarten eligible) through age 8. (Temporary expansion of these age ranges to include 9 - 13, dependent upon availability of funds, may be authorized by the Executive Director and reported at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee/Board of Directors.)
7	Transitional Child Care (TCC) or Education/Training (TCC/TeD) children ages 5 (Kindergarten eligible) to 13 years.
8	Children 3 years to kindergarten entry who have been determined eligible as a student with a disability and has a current IEP with a Florida school district.
9	Children eligible under Priority 1-4 who are also enrolled concurrently in a Head Start/VPK program.

Roll Over Methodology

- The status of roll overs between priority groups and funding categories will be determined by the Executive Director based on availability of funds according to monthly utilization reports.