

At-Risk Criteria for Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program	Clarification
1. Poverty (Preschool-Aged At-Risk)	Qualifies for free meals under the National School Lunch Program on September 20, 2021.
2. Single parent families	Custodial parent is unmarried on the first day of school.
3. Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) referral	The reason for referral must describe the need for the child to attend the Pre-K program and be documented and signed by the DCF agent.
4. Teen parents	At least one parent was a teenager when the child was born.
5. Either parent is lacking a high school diploma or GED	At least one parent is lacking a high school diploma or a GED on the first day of school.
6. Limited English Proficiency	The student must qualify for bilingual weighting and ESOL services must be provided. Forms must be in child's file. Process and criteria are found at http://www.ksde.org under Early Childhood: https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Title/ESOL/ESOLProgramGuidance.pdf . NOTE: ESOL services must be provided by qualified teachers.
7. Lower than expected developmental progress in at least one of the following areas: cognitive development; physical development; communication/literacy; social-emotional/behavior; adaptive behavior/self-help skills	Based on appropriate and valid assessment results, the developmental progress of the child has been determined by a trained professional to be lower than typically expected for his/her chronological age, yet above what would be considered eligible for special education services (based on the procedural manual and guidance materials of specific assessment instruments). Scores that fall at or below the 40 th percentile indicate 'at-risk'.
8. Child qualifying for migrant status	Copy of Certificate of Eligibility must be on file.
9. Child experiencing homelessness	Residence of Homeless Student while Homeless must be completed in the KIDS Collection System and the student must be included on the district's official homeless list.