



DEPARTMENT: <b>Family Services</b>	SUBJECT: <b>Procedures for Eligibility &amp; Enrollment</b>
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### Eligibility & Enrollment Priorities

- The Coalition will utilize the most current priority categories as identified in state statute to determine the eligibility for enrolling children in the School Readiness (SR) Program. *(ss. 1002.84 and 1002.87, F.S.)*
  - Priority 1 – Children younger than age 13 whose parents receive temporary cash assistance and are subject to federal work requirements.
  - Priority 2 – At-risk children younger than age 9.
  - Priority 3 – Economically disadvantaged children until eligible to enter kindergarten. Their older siblings up to the age they are eligible to enter 6th grade may also be served.
  - Priority 4 – Children from birth to kindergarten whose parents are transitioning from the temporary cash assistance work program to employment.
  - Priority 5 – At-risk children who are at least age 9 but younger than 13. Those with siblings in priority groups 1-3 are higher priority than other children ages 9-13 in this priority group.
  - Priority 6 – Economically disadvantaged children younger than 13. Priority in this category is given to children who have a younger sibling in the School Readiness Program under priority 3.
  - Priority 7 – Children younger than 13 whose parents are transitioning from the temporary cash assistance work program to employment.
  - Priority 8 – Children who have special needs and current individual educational plans from age 3 until they are eligible to enter kindergarten.
  - Priority 9 – Children concurrently enrolled in the federal Head Start Program and VPK, regardless of priorities 1-4.
- The Coalition will reevaluate a child’s eligibility at least annually and as required by statute and rule. *(ss. 1002.84(7) and 1002.87(6), F.S.)*