

Table 2.7. Features of Publicly Funded Child Care and Early Education Programs in Vermont as of 2022

Feature	Early Head Start		IDEA Part B Sections 611 and 619		State UPK		Title I, Part A (ESSA)		CCFAP		Dependent Care Tax Credits
	Home visiting, early learning	Federal (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)	Preschool	Special education preschool	Preschool	Federal IDEA and state/local (Vermont Agency of Education, VAHS)	Preschool	Preschool	Subsidies for ECE and school-age care	Federal and state tax expenditures (Internal Revenue Service and Vermont Department of Taxes)	
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Funding source (administrator)	Federal (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)	Federal (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)	Federal (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)	Federal (Vermont Agency of Education)	Federal (Vermont Agency of Education)	Federal (Vermont Agency of Education, VAHS)	Federal (Vermont Agency of Education, VAHS)	Federal (school districts) (Vermont Agency of Education)	Federal and state Child Care and Development Fund and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (VAHS)	Federal and state tax expenditures (Internal Revenue Service and Vermont Department of Taxes)	Federal and state tax expenditures (Internal Revenue Service and Vermont Department of Taxes)
Funding type	Slots	Slots	Slots	Flexible	Flexible	Slots	Slots	Flexible	Child care subsidy	Child care subsidy	Child care subsidy
Ages of children served	Birth through age 2	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	1 or 2 years before kindergarten	Birth to age 13	Birth to age 13	Birth to age 13
Maximum income for family of three, dollars	23,030 ^a	23,030 ^a	23,030 ^a	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable; universal	Not applicable	Not applicable	80,605	80,605	Not applicable
Maximum income	1x poverty	1x poverty ^a	1x poverty ^a	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	3.5x poverty	3.5x poverty	Not applicable
Other eligibility criteria	None	None	None	Child has an individualized education plan	None	None	None	None	Parent(s) employed, attending school, or in a job-training program	Parent(s) employed, attending school, or in a job-training program	Parent(s) employed, documentation of expenditures and tax ID of provider
Delivery settings	Child's home and centers	Centers and schools	Centers and schools	Public schools	Public and public charter schools; state-approved public and private providers with Star 4 or 5 rating on Vermont STARS or NAEYC accreditation	Public and public charter schools; state-approved public and private providers with Star 4 or 5 rating on Vermont STARS or NAEYC accreditation	Public schools with high share of low-income students	Public schools with high share of low-income students	Registered or licensed FCCCHs, licensed child care centers, approved-relative child care providers, after-school programs	Registered or licensed FCCCHs, licensed child care centers, approved-relative child care providers, after-school programs	Providers with tax ID
Part-, school-, or full-day program	Part, school, or full day	Part, school, or full day	Part, school, or full day	Part or school day	Part or school day (max 10 hours/day)	Part or school day (max 10 hours/day)	Part or school day	Part or school day	Part, school, or full day	Part, school, or full day	Not applicable
School year versus calendar year	Both	Both	Both	School year	School year (35 weeks)	School year (35 weeks)	School year	School year	Both	Both	Not applicable
Program standards beyond licensing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable

SOURCES: Authors' analysis of program documentation provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, VAHS, the Vermont Agency of Education, and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

NOTE: ESSA = Every Student Succeeds Act; IDEA = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; NAEYC = National Association for the Education of Young Children; VAHS = Vermont Agency of Human Services. Program features are as of July 1, 2020. Part-day programs are typically three to four hours per day, school-day programs are about six hours, and full-day programs are typically more than six hours.

^a Under federal rules, up to 10 percent of enrolled children are allowed to be over the maximum income threshold.