2024-2025 Family Priority Definitions

Child of DCC student/staff - An early learner described as a "Child of a Delgado Community College (DCC) student or staff" is one whose parent or guardian is either enrolled as a student or employed at DCC.

Child of SUNO student/staff - An early learner described as a "Child of a Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) student " is one whose parent or guardian is enrolled as a student at SUNO or employed at SUNO.

Child of a teacher - is defined as an early learner who has a parent or guardian currently working or has a current offer as a teacher within the educational sector.

Children with an IFSP - Children with an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) are those who have been diagnosed with developmental delays or conditions and are officially enrolled in EarlySteps, receiving specialized services tailored to their unique needs.

Children in Foster Care - Foster care provides a provisional home for early learners unable to be cared for by their parents, recognized by child welfare agency personnel. These children might reside with kin, with foster parents, or in group homes. Typically, a government or social service agency organizes foster care and compensates caregivers for their costs.

Children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)-are those who have been diagnosed with developmental delays or conditions and are receiving specialized services tailored to their unique needs by the local education agency.

Continuing Pre-K 3 student - continuing PK3 student refers to a student who was previously enrolled in PK3 program and is applying for a PK4 seat at the same program/center.

Continuity of care - Continuity of care refers to providing consistent services to early learners from birth to age four, emphasizing stable primary caregiving and minimizing transitions throughout their early childhood experience at the same the same site.

Homeless -"Homeless children and youths" refer to early learners without a stable nighttime residence, including those sharing housing due to economic struggles, living in inadequate accommodations like motels or shelters, residing in places not meant for sleeping, or staying in public spaces and vehicles. It also covers migratory children facing similar conditions.

Household- Household refers to persons related to the primary parent/guardian by blood, adoption, or marriage **and** who is financially supported by the primary adult's income.

Siblings of continuing students - Sibling priority is a preference exclusively to prospective early learners who either currently have a sibling enrolled or are simultaneously enrolling with a sibling at the same educational institution or program within the academic year.