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2024-25 Early Childhood Enrollment Match Priority Rubric and Definitions

The following rubric and definitions will be used to quantify priorities in a simplified manner for families applying for the various early childhood funding sources for the 2024-25 early childhood enrollment match main round and open enrollment round. Families will receive priority points that apply to their individualized circumstances only after meeting eligibility requirements for a particular funding source. If families fit into more than one priority, they will receive points for all priorities that apply.

LA4 Priorities

100	Children with IEP
90	Children of Faculty or Staff
80	Siblings of Continuing Students
50	Geography: Half Mile (up to 25% of available seats)
20	Geography: Zip Code

NSECD Priorities

100	Continuity of Care
80	Siblings of Continuing Students

City Seats Priorities

560	Continuity of Care
100	Homeless Children
100	Children with IFSP or IEP
100	Children in Foster Care
90	Children of Faculty or Staff
80	Siblings of Continuing Students

ECEF and CCAP B-3 Priorities

260	Continuity of Care
90	Children of Faculty or Staff
80	Siblings of Continuing Students

Site-Specific Priorities: Wilcox Academy at Southern University of New Orleans (Lic. # 60576)

80	Children of SUNO Student
70	Children of SUNO Faculty or Staff

Site-Specific Priorities: TCA @ Joey Georgusis Center for Children (Lic. # 53408)

80	Children of Delgado Student
70	Children of Delgado Faculty or Staff

Definitions

Children with Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

- **Definition**: Children who have an identified disability and are receiving specialized services tailored to their unique needs as outlined in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- **Verified By**: IEP that is active for the program year
- **Funding Streams**: LA4 and City Seats

Children with Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

- **Definition**: Children who have been verified eligible to receive early intervention services tailored to their unique needs as outlined in an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).
- **Verified By**: IFSP that is active for the program year
- **Funding Streams**: City Seats

Children of Faculty and Staff

- **Definition**: Children whose parent or guardian either currently works or has a current offer to work at the early learning center or school to which they are applying; for ECEF and CCAP B-3 seats, this priority also applies to teaching faculty who reside

outside of Orleans Parish but who teach in a Type III Orleans Parish early learning center
- **Verified By**: Email confirmation, offer letter, or pay stub from early learning center or school verifying employment
- **Funding Streams**: LA4, City Seats, ECEF, CCAP B-3

Geography: Half Mile
- **Definition**: Children who reside within one half mile of the early learning program.
- **Verified By**: Residency documentation and match geolocation tool
- **Funding Streams**: LA4

Geography: Zip Code
- **Definition**: Children who reside within a set attendance zone or zipcode that is contiguous to the early learning program.
- **Verified By**: Residency documentation
- **Funding Streams**: LA4

Continuity of Care
- **Definition**: Children who were enrolled in the previous program year at the same early learning program for which they are applying for a seat for the current program year. 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 early learning program.
- **Verified By**: Enrollment in the early learning program in the previous program year
- **Funding Streams**: NSECD, City Seats, ECEF, CCAP B-3

Homeless Children
- **Definition**: Children without a stable nighttime residence (including those sharing housing due to economic struggles), living in inadequate accommodations such as motels or shelters, residing in places not meant for sleeping, or staying in public spaces and vehicles. This also refers to migratory children facing similar conditions.
- **Verified By**: in alignment with LEA and McKinney Vento standards as verified by NOLA PS homeless liaison or a local Early Head Start or Head Start grantee
- **Funding Streams**: City Seats

Children in Foster Care
- **Definition**: Children who are unable to be cared for by their parents and who are placed in a setting away from parents or guardians by the child welfare system. If the child welfare agency has placed the child away from parents or guardians and in the care of relatives, the child is considered to be in foster care.

- **Verified By**: Child Placement Agreement from the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
- **Funding Streams**: City Seats

Siblings of Continuing Students

- **Definition**: Children who have a sibling (who share a household and/or share a parent or guardian) currently enrolled at the school or early learning program; this priority does not apply if the sibling currently enrolled will leave or age out of the early learning program or school prior to the program year the other sibling is applying for
- **Verified By**: Birth certificate, adoption certificate, marriage certificate, legal custody document, and/or residency documentation
- **Funding Streams**: LA4, City Seats, ECEF, CCAP B-3

Children of Delgado Students

- **Definition**: Children whose parent or guardian is a current student at Delgado Community College
- **Verified By**: current transcript that shows full-time or part time status with anticipated future graduation date (full time is at least twelve credit hours per week, part time is less than 12 credit hours); or a “student enrollment” letter from the registrar on school letterhead with hours attending and courses being taken; or a letter from a school advisor signed on the institution's letterhead could also verify student status; parent must be enrolled during the year of the child receiving care
- **Funding Streams**: Any funding stream at TCA @ Joey Georgusis Center for Children (Lic. # 53408)

Children of SUNO Students

- **Definition**: Children whose parent or guardian is a current student at Southern University at New Orleans
- **Verified By**: current transcript that shows full-time or part time status with anticipated future graduation date (full time is at least twelve credit hours per week, part time is less than 12 credit hours); or a “student enrollment” letter from the registrar on school letterhead with hours attending and courses being taken; or a letter from a school advisor signed on the institution's letterhead could also verify student status; parent must be enrolled during the year of the child receiving care
- **Funding Streams**: Any funding stream at Wilcox Academy at Southern University of New Orleans (Lic. # 60576)

Children of Delgado Faculty or Staff

- **Definition**: Children whose parent or guardian is a current faculty or staff member of Delgado Community College
- **Verified By**: official letter from employer stating all of the following: where parent/guardian is employed, work hours, rate of pay, and start date of employment, signed and dated by the employer
- **Funding Streams**: Any funding stream at TCA @ Joey Georgusis Center for Children (Lic. # 53408)

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- **Definition**: Children whose parent or guardian is a current faculty or staff member of Southern University at New Orleans
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- **Funding Streams**: Any funding stream at Wilcox Academy at Southern University of New Orleans (Lic. # 60576)