

Exceeds SMI Eligibility (ESE) Chart

Purpose

Use the chart below to determine if an ECEAP child will use an ESE slot in the Early Learning Management System (ELMS).

Children who turned 3 by August 31st (3- and 4-year-olds in ELMS)

Non-Tribal Child	Tribal Child	ESE Slot	Eligible or allowed
≤ 36% SMI	≤ 100% SMI	No	Eligible
On IEP (any income)	On IEP (any income)	No	Eligible
Experiencing Homelessness (any income)	Experiencing Homelessness (any income)	No	Eligible
Previous enrollment in *B-3/ECLIPSE (any income)	Previous enrollment in *B-3/ECLIPSE (any income)	No	Eligible
> 36 SMI% with prioritization factor	> 100 SMI% with prioritization factor	Yes	Allowed

Children who turn 3 after August 31st (2-year-olds in ELMS)

Non-Tribal Child	Tribal Child	ESE Slot	Eligible or allowed
≤ 36% SMI	≤ 100% SMI	No	Allowed
> 36% SMI with additional prioritization factor	> 100% SMI with additional prioritization factor	Yes	Allowed
On IEP (any income)	On IEP (any income)	No	Allowed
Experiencing Homelessness (any income)	Experiencing Homelessness (any income)	No	Allowed
Previous enrollment in *B-3/ECLIPSE (any income)	Previous enrollment in *B-3/ECLIPSE (any income)	No	Allowed

≤ Less than or equal to; > Greater than

*B-3 means B-3 (Early) ECEAP, Early Head Start and Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) including other IDEA PART C programs from other states.

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