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**POLICY:**

In order to reach those most in need of services, a program must develop and implement a recruitment process designed to actively inform all families with eligible children within the recruitment area of the availability of program services, and encourage and assist them in applying for admission to the program.

**Head Start**

Students who are between 3-5 years of age may be admitted to the program provided they live in McPherson or Marion County and are eligible for Head Start services. The child is eligible to participate in the program if one of the following eligibility categories is met:

- Supplemental Security Income
- Homeless
- Foster Care
- TANF
- Income
  - Based on Federal Poverty Guidelines

**Non-Resident Students Receiving Services**

If a child is not eligible for Head Start Services, the child may still be accepted into the early childhood program if the following criteria are met:

- 3 years of age;
- Eligible for Special Education Services;
- Student’s home district does not offer a 3 year old classroom experience.

If a non-resident child receives special education services and attends the McPherson Early Childhood Program as a 3 year old, the child will transition back to the home district and attend the district-sponsored 4 year old preschool classroom.

**Non-Resident Tuition Paying Students and Students who qualify for the State Pre-K Program:**

Non-resident students are those who do not meet the definition of a resident student. Although the district is not required to admit non-resident students, non-resident students may be admitted to the extent that staff, facilities, equipment and supplies are available. Other criteria regarding students seeking non-resident student admittance may be considered prior to acting on any non-resident student application as specified in this policy.