

## PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

### A. Student Eligibility

1) The Grantee shall enroll children residing in the geographic area served by the LEA who are four (4) years of age on or before August 15 for the current school year and who are “at risk.” For the purposes of this program, “at risk” shall be defined as follows:

- a) Children with or without disabilities who are:
  - i. four (4) years of age on or before August 15; and
  - ii. members of families with incomes that meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced priced lunch as determined pursuant to 42U.S.C. § 1771; or
- b) dependent children who are four years of age on or before August 15 whose parent was killed, died as a direct result of injuries received as a result of war, or is or has been officially reported as a prisoner of war or missing in action.

2) After September 15, 2023, if the Grantee has enrolled all “at risk” children available as defined above, the Grantee may enroll children who are not at-risk but who reside within the geographic area served by the LEA and who are:

- a) children who are four (4) years of age on or before August 15 with or without disabilities;
- b) children who are three (3) years of age on or before August 15, and
  - i. who have been in the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS),  
or
  - ii. who are screened and identified as educationally at-risk as determined pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.); or
  - iii. Who are members of families with incomes that meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced prices meals as determined pursuant to 42U.S.C. § 1771.

3) Enrollment in the VPK program shall be voluntary.