



Kentucky Department of Education  
Office of Special Education and Early Learning

# State-Funded Preschool Funding Rates

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# Preschool Application System

- ▶ In response to the Office of Education Accountability (OEA) Preschool and Kindergarten Programs Report in 2017, the KDE will enforce KRS 157.3175 by implementing an annual evaluation and grant application system for preschool programs by the 2020-2021. This means districts will submit complete proposals addressing all required program elements.
- ▶ The goal is to provide better alignment of district proposals to funding and improve programing for preschool students.



# History and Background

- ▶ The state-funded preschool program offers comprehensive services to three- and four-year-old children with disabilities and low income four-year-old children (160% of federal poverty level).
- ▶ For a single parent with two children, 160% of poverty means a household income up to \$34,128.
- ▶ Each year the KBE reviews proposed preschool per-child funding rates for approval.



# Funding Formula

- ▶ A formula is used to provide funding to school districts, and amounts are based on the average number of children served on December 1 and March 1 of the previous academic year.
- ▶ There is a standard “per-child” rate for three categories of enrollment (at-risk, speech, and developmental delays).
- ▶ There’s a weighted category for three- and four-year-olds with severe disabilities.



# Funding Scenario (District Allocation)



| Preschool Enrollment Category | 12/1/18 | 3/1/19 | Average | Per-Child Rate | Total            |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| At-Risk                       | 68      | 64     | 66      | \$3,372        | \$222,552        |
| Speech                        | 18      | 20     | 19      | \$3,372        | \$64,068         |
| Developmental Delay           | 9       | 11     | 10      | \$3,372        | \$33,720         |
| Severe                        | 5       | 5      | 5       | \$6,406        | \$32,030         |
|                               |         |        |         |                | <b>\$352,370</b> |

- ▶ District funding is based on average enrollment of 100 eligible preschool students.
- ▶ There are five preschool classrooms in the district with 20 students enrolled in each classroom.

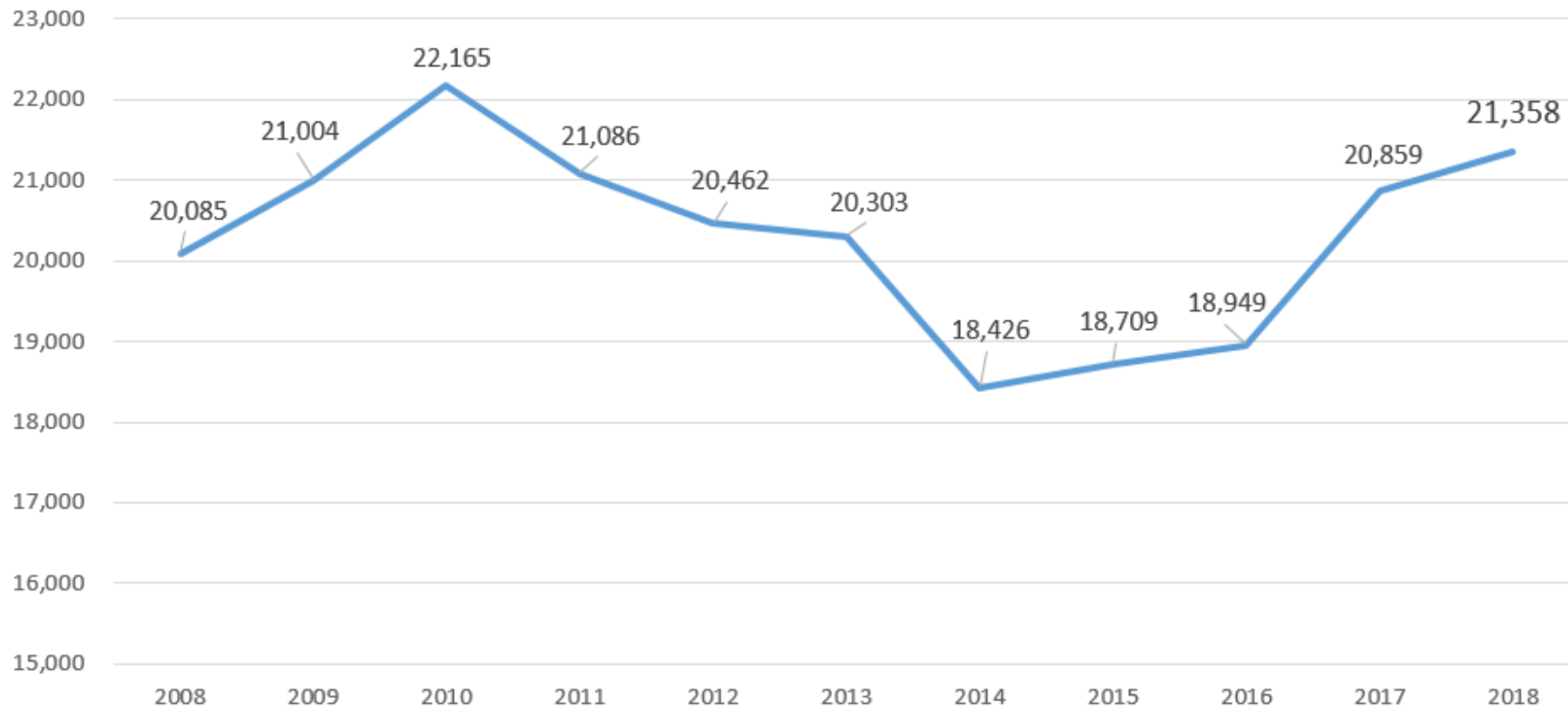
# Funding Scenario (District Budget)

| Description                    | Budget           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Certified Permanent Salary     | \$ 200,187       |
| Classified Regular Salary      | \$ 119,410       |
| Classified Overtime Salary     |                  |
| Employer FICA Contribution     | \$ 7,024         |
| Employer Medicare Contribution | \$ 4,636         |
| KTRS Employer Contribution     | \$ 6,006         |
| CERS Employer Contribution     | \$ 12,222        |
| KSBA Unemployment Insurance    | \$ 462           |
| Workers Compensation           | \$ 543           |
| Instructional Field Trips      | \$ 656           |
| Print                          | \$ 613           |
| Travel                         | \$ 611           |
|                                | <b>\$352,370</b> |



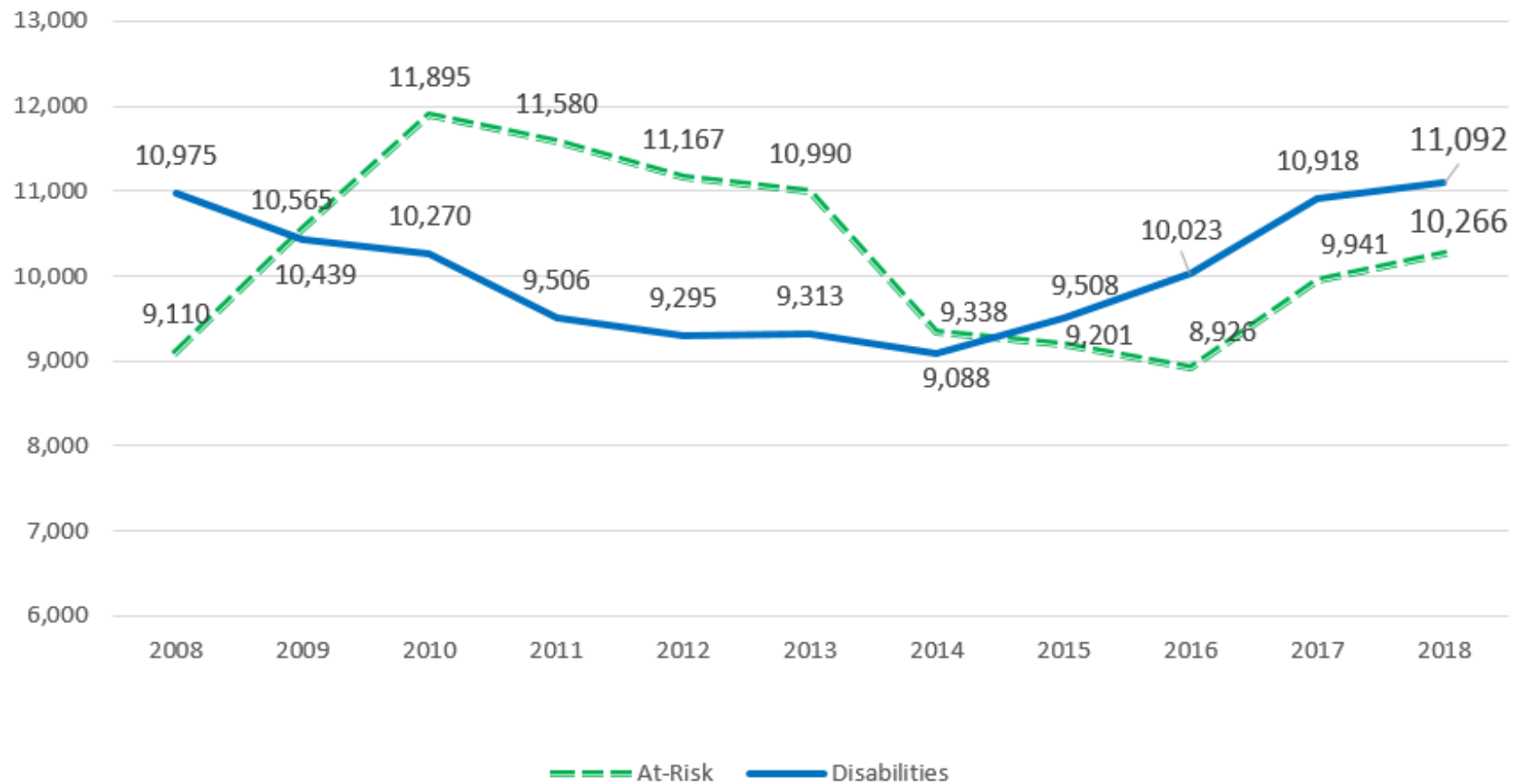
# Preschool Enrollment

State-Funded Preschool Count December 1, 2008 to December 1, 2018



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Preschool Students Served December 1, 2008-2018





# Questions or Comments

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