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## Preschool grants to help low-income kids

*State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Richard A. Ross plays with preschool students following the announcement of \$10 million in Early Childhood Education Expansion Grants to 144 Ohio preschools. Ross made the announcement at the North YMCA preschool program in Columbus.*

Written by [Benjamin Lanka](#)

Recently announced state grants will give nearly 2,500 Ohio children access to a late start on early education. The Ohio Department of Education awarded \$10 million in Early Childhood Education Expansion Grants, which will provide access to preschool education for 2,450 kids.

Stephanie Siddens, ODE's director of the Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, said the grant brings additional money to a program intended to help low-income children who often struggle when starting school.

"Having that high-quality preschool experience will give them a boost," she said.

The money will allow schools across Ohio to open spots in preschools for low-income children who currently are not enrolled, she said.

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## Additional preschool seats are coming

Written by [Jessica Brown](#)

Twenty local organizations have won a collective \$1.1 million in grants to add 240 additional preschool seats for kids in high-poverty areas.

In all, \$10 million was awarded statewide to fund 2,450 seats.

The money was made available by a \$10 million bump in preschool spending contained in Ohio's most recent budget bill. The Ohio Department of Education announced the winners Wednesday.

Grants were targeted to high-quality preschools located in high-needs parts of the state.

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## State awards \$236K to Richland County preschools

## ***Funding will allow 59 more children to enroll***

Written by [Linda Martz](#)

MANSFIELD — Fifty-nine more disadvantaged children will be able to attend preschool in Richland County through grants the Ohio Department of Education has awarded to five early childhood programs.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Richard A. Ross announced Wednesday that more than \$10 million will be distributed to 144 preschool programs in Ohio to allow more students to attend these programs.

Grants given to Richland County learning institutions include:

- Mansfield City Schools, \$96,000 for 24 children.
- Richland County Board of Development Disabilities, \$40,000, for 10 children.
- Madison Local Schools, \$40,000, for 10 children.
- Mid-Ohio Richland County Preschool, \$32,000, for 8 children.
- Discovery School, 855 Millsboro Road, \$28,000, for 7 children.

Ohio Department of Education officials said the grants will enable hundreds of disadvantaged children to attend preschool who otherwise would not be enrolled.

When Governor John Kasich signed House Bill 59 into law, he increased the state's investment in early childhood education services, the agency said in a press release.

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## **State Kicks In Preschool Money**

Written by [Alex Felser](#)

More than 2,000 preschool-age children in Ohio will get an early start to their education this year thanks to new funding.

With the signing of House Bill 59, Gov. John Kasich approved an additional \$10 million for the Early Childhood Education program for fiscal year 2014 that will fund 2,450 children's preschool education. In fiscal year 2015, \$12 million will be allocated.

"The problem was, students are starting kindergarten behind in class and were not prepared," said Ohio Department of Education spokesman John Charlton. "Clearly, if a child starts behind in kindergarten, it's hard to catch up."

The money will be distributed through Early Childhood Education expansion grants to 144 preschool programs in Ohio and will now serve 8,150 children through its \$33.3 million budget.

A total of 16 schools in Franklin County will receive benefits, including Starting Point Learning Center, which attracts kids from the South Side.

"It's a good resource for our community, and a lot of children with families that don't have the experience of early childhood programs will now have the opportunity," said Melissa Johnson, the center's manager.

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### *Funding to provide access for 56 locally*

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Recently announced state grants will give nearly 2,500 Ohio children access to a late start on early education. The Ohio Department of Education awarded \$10 million in Early Childhood Education Expansion Grants, which will provide access to preschool education for 2,450 kids, including 48 in Pike County and 8 in Ross County. Stephanie Siddens, the ODE's director of the Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, said the grant brings additional money to a program intended to help low-income children who often struggle when starting school.

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