

(2) "ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND" MEANS A FAMILY WHOSE INCOME WOULD MAKE A CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS IF THE CHILD WERE IN KINDERGARTEN.

(3) "ELIGIBLE CHILD" MEANS A CHILD:

(I) WHO IS FROM AN ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUND;

(II) WHOSE PARENT OR GUARDIAN SEEKS TO ENROLL THE CHILD IN A PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM; AND

(III) WHO IS 4 YEARS OLD ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SEEKS TO ENROLL THE CHILD IN A PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

(4) "ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS" MEANS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS BASED ON ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(B) BY THE ~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR, ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SHALL BE ADMITTED FREE OF CHARGE TO PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY EACH OF THE COUNTY BOARDS.

(C) THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN § 7-101(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE REGARDING THE DOMICILE OF A CHILD AND THE RESIDENCY OF THE CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN SHALL APPLY TO PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY BOARDS AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

(D) IN THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN THAT IS SUBMITTED UNDER § 5-401 OF THIS ARTICLE, A COUNTY BOARD SHALL IDENTIFY THE STRATEGIES THAT WILL BE USED IN THAT COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN THAT COUNTY BY THE ~~2006-2007~~ 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.

7-103.

(a) Except as provided in subsections [(b) and (e)] (B), (E), AND (F) of this section, each public school under the jurisdiction of a county board:

(1) (i) Shall be open for pupil attendance for at least 180 actual school days and a minimum of 1,080 school hours during a 10-month period in each school year; or

(ii) If normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions described in subsection (b) of this section, shall be open for at least 1,080 hours during a 10-month period; and

(2) Shall be open for pupil attendance a minimum of 3 hours during each school day; and

(3) May not be open on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays in order to meet the 180 day or 1,080 hour requirement of this subsection.