## Prekindergarteners Left Behind:

Expulsion Rates in State Prekindergarten Programs

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## Michigan PK Expulsion Fact Sheet

In Michigan, 4% of teachers reported expelling at least one prekindergartener over the past year. Michigan's pre-K expulsion rate ranks 5<sup>th</sup> lowest among the 40 states that fund prekindergarten, with a rate of 2.4 expulsions per 1,000 enrolled. In other words, for every 417 prekindergarten students in Michigan, one is expelled.

Nationally, 10.4% of teachers reported expelling at least one prekindergartener during the past year, for an expulsion rate of 6.7 per 1,000.

Michigan's prekindergarten expulsion rate of 2.4 per 1,000 is 1.4 times higher than its K-12 expulsion rate of 1.7 per 1,000.

The Michigan School Readiness Program began in 1985 and currently enrolls more than 25,000 children. Classrooms are located primarily in the public schools, although approximately 14% of the classrooms are in other settings, such as non-school based Head Start centers and other community-based child care programs.