**24:17:01:07.  Definition of preschool for data collection purposes.** For the purpose of data collection, a preschool student is defined as a child who is at least three years of age on or before September 1st, is not enrolled in kindergarten, and is receiving educational services from a public school district for a minimum of 128 hours. A full-time preschool student is a student who is enrolled in a program that operates at least 448 hours per year. For purposes of this data collection, students enrolled in programs operated for a lesser time shall be reported on a prorated basis as a percentage of 448 hours. All public school districts operating a preschool program shall report student data for preschool students. This definition is intended exclusively for data collection and should not be used for any other purpose.

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