



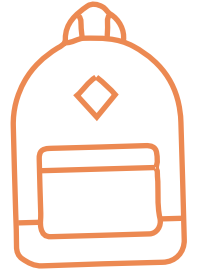
# Expanding Early Opportunities

How Are Top-Performing Education Systems Expanding Access to Free, High-Quality Early Childhood Education and Care?

## Finland

**100% of 0- to 5-year-olds**

Guaranteed subsidized childcare for working parents + piloting free preschool\* for all 5-year-olds



## Hong Kong

**100% of 3- to 5-year-olds**

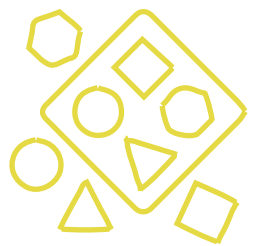
Guaranteed subsidy for half-day preschool, with additional income-tested subsidies for extended day



## Japan

**100% of 3- to 5-year-olds**

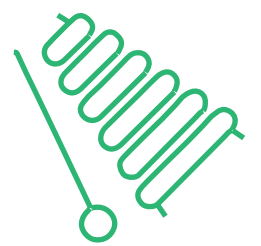
Will be guaranteed free preschool + 100% of low-income 2- to 3-year-olds will be guaranteed free childcare



## Ontario

**100% of 4- to 5-year-olds**

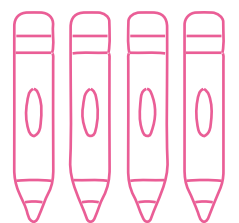
Guaranteed full-day preschool + 100% of children 2.5 and older will be guaranteed free childcare by 2020



## South Korea

**100% of 5-year-olds**

Guaranteed free preschool (full-day for 5-year-olds and half-day for 3- and 4-year olds)



## England

**100% of 3- to 4-year-olds**

Guaranteed 30 hours per week of free preschool or childcare for working parents, with 15 hours per week for poor non-working parents



**More at [www.ncee.org/EarlyAdvantage](http://www.ncee.org/EarlyAdvantage)**

\*Preschool here refers to any early childhood education provided before the beginning of compulsory school. Some countries (Hong Kong, Canada, Japan, South Korea) call such programs "kindergartens".