

Youth Eligibility

The New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Boards Five Percent Rule Policy

Up to five percent of youth participants served by a Program Operator may be individuals who do not meet the income criteria for eligible youth, provided that they are within one or more of the following categories:

1. School Dropout
2. Basic Skills Deficient
3. Are one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to the youth's age
4. Pregnant or parenting
5. Possess one or more disabilities (including learning disabilities)
6. Homeless or runaway
7. Offender
8. Face serious barriers to employment such as:
 - a) Is habitually truant as defined by state law.
 - b) Has failing grades as defined by having failed a minimum of 3 classes in most recent grading period.
 - c) Did not pass the Literacy Passport Test given in the 9th grade or the last Standard of Learning test given.
 - d) Has not made substantial progress in mastering skills that are appropriate for students of his or her age.
 - e) Poor work history for older youth (has not worked 13 consecutive weeks of thirty hours or more in the last calendar year).

For a Youth to be considered under the five percent rule, the Youth Program Operator must make a formal written request to WIB staff and receive written approval prior to the youth being registered to receive program services