

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE) PROGRAMS

SERVING CHILDREN AGES 0-5

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General Information:

- Must be 3, 4 or 5.
- Children who turn 4 or 5 on or before Sept. 1st have the first priority.
- Children who turn 3 after December 1st are eligible on their birthday.
- Acceptance is based on Income & Family Size.

Programs:

- **State Preschool** - See information below on State Preschool programs
- **District Preschool** - See information below on District Preschool programs
- **Sunset Early Head Start** - See information below on the Sunset Early Head Start program

Class hours:

- Morning Class hours: 8am – 11am (early out days: 8am – 10am)
- Afternoon Class hours: 12pm – 3pm (early out days 12pm – 2pm)
- Full Day Class hours: 8am – 2:00pm (early out days 8am – 12pm)

Immunizations needed to start Preschool:

- Polio x 3
- MMR x 1
- Hib x 1
- DPaT x 4
- Varicella x 1
- Hep B x 3

Parent Volunteers

Parents wishing to volunteer in the classroom must:

- Complete a Parent Volunteer Data form and pass basic background screening
- Provide verification that they are free of Tuberculosis
- Provide verification of immunizations against
 - Measles
 - Pertussis
 - Influenza (written statement declining influenza immunization is acceptable)

Transitional Kindergarten

If your child will be turning 5 before February 1, 2023, April 1st, 2024, and June 1, 2025 they have the option to attend Transitional Kindergarten. Please consult with the school nearest you to register your child.

State Preschool:

1st Priority - Age

- A “**Preschool eligible four-year-old**” is a child, regardless of their chronological age, who will have their fourth birthday on or before September 1st of the school year.
- Income qualifying four-year-old children will have priority over any income qualifying three-year-old children.

2nd Priority - Age

- A “**Preschool eligible three-year-old**” is a child, regardless of their chronological age, who will have their third birthday on or before December 2nd of the school year.
- Three-year-old children who will turn four between September 2nd and December 2nd are in the ‘transitional age group’ and will have priority over other three-year-old students.
- Children who turn three after December 2nd of the school year will be eligible for DNUSD Preschool on their birthday.

Classroom sizes - All classes will be at full licensing capacity:

Site	Principal	Teacher	Morning Slots	Afternoon Slots
Bess Maxwell	Diane Cochran-Wiese	TBD	24	24
Joe Hamilton	William Cushman	Barbara Duey	24	24
Mary Peacock	Lara Hirt	Melissa Ferguson	24	24
Pine Grove	Deborah Reynolds	Tara Salvaressa	23	23

Income Guidelines for State Preschool

A family must fall at or below the CA State Income Guidelines to qualify for State Preschool.

Children in foster care, homeless or with families receiving public assistance are automatically eligible regardless of income.

District Preschool:

- Serves preschool aged children 3-5 years of age
- Open to all community and families
- Full Day Program - Full Day Class hours: 8am – 2:00pm (early out days 8am – 12pm)
- Call the Preschool Offices for enrollment information
- No Income Guidelines, families will be required to submit statements of income regardless.

Site	Principal	Teacher	Full Day Slots
Smith River	Nicole Cochran	Amber Otterbach	24

Sunset Early Head Start:

- Serves children 0-3 years old
- Open to all community families, although teen parents will have priority.
- Early Head Start Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00am-2:15pm
- For enrollment questions, please call: 464-0380 or 464-0228.
- Income Guidelines are subject to Federal Poverty Guidelines

Site	Principal	Teacher	Infant-Toddler Slots
Sunset High	Tony Fabricius	Czarina Evanow	11