

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT Early Childhood Program



Mission: We empower our community's eligible children and families to build a foundation for learning, as measured by their readiness for kindergarten and beyond.

What Do We Offer?

- Preschool programs open to children ages 3* to 5
- Highly-qualified licensed teachers will partner with the people who love and care for a young child most.
- Your youngster will become an emotionally strong, capable, skilled student who can navigate social settings with ease by the time they go to kindergarten.

Cost and Availability

We offer a multitude of options, depending on your family's unique qualifying factors:

- A limited number of half-day, four-day-per week tuition spaces
 - Go online to view tuition rates (subject to change)
- Unlimited no-cost spaces for children who qualify for special education services
- Full- and half-day no-cost spaces for families that meet admission criteria

The Application Process

*** Your child must be at least 3 years old on or before Sept. 15 to qualify for preschool.**

Applications available online (www.psdschools.org) through the Early Childhood Education page (bit.ly/PSDpreschool). Have questions? Call **970-490-3204** to speak with an enrollment specialist.

- Our eligibility team will work with you to ensure your family qualifies for the available option that will best meet your child's and family's needs.



Locations

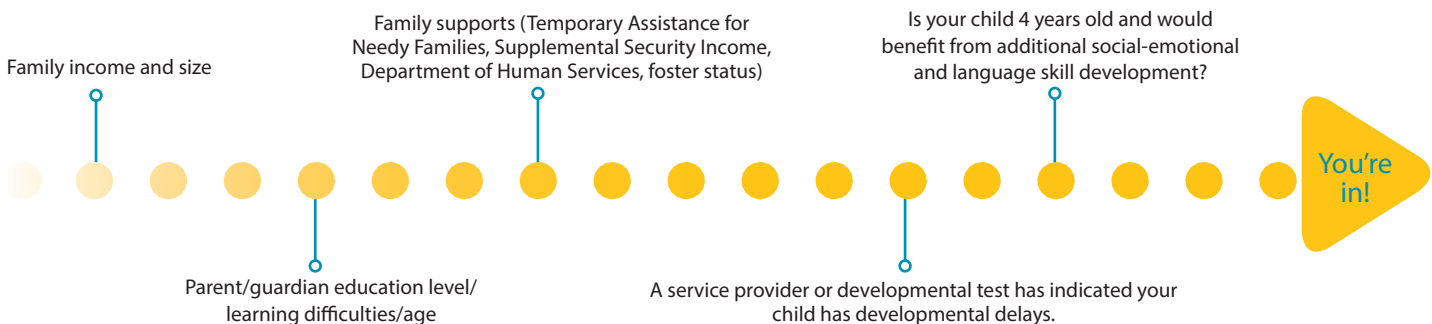
- Preschool programs are in 20 of PSD's elementary schools and five additional centers across the district's 1,800 square miles, allowing parents some flexibility based on current needs.
- **Note:** Placement is not guaranteed at your neighborhood school or top-choice location, but we do our best to consider parents' preferences upon admission.

Transportation

- Transportation is available based on many criteria. Please visit the PSD Transportation webpage at www.psdschools.org/programs-services/transportation to learn more about transportation eligibility.
- Children with IEPs may qualify, based upon their disability. Families who meet one or more of the federal definitions for homelessness may also qualify for transportation or reimbursement for transportation.

Eligibility Criteria for No-Cost Programming

Factors taken into consideration when you apply for no-cost programming may include any of the following:



Not sure where to start? Contact us!

We can help address your questions and concerns, and determine whether your needs qualify your family for our program. Call 970-490-3204.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: I'm considering enrolling my child in PSD's Early Childhood Education program but want to make sure I'm researching all opportunities. Where can I learn more about early childhood options in Larimer County?

Answer: To learn more about PSD's programs, call us at **970-490-3204** or visit bit.ly/PSDpreschool. You may also contact the Colorado Shines Child Care Referral at Mile High United Way at **1-877-338-2273** for free referrals to licensed child care providers.

Q: I have difficulty maintaining care for my child due to their unique needs. Would PSD preschool still be an option for our family?

A: If your family meets the selection criteria, the strong and unique supports available to your child will mirror those available to all kids in PSD. You will enjoy partnering with our skilled classroom teaching teams to meet your child's needs. We have strong family mental health supports.

Q: Sometimes, I'm not sure how to deal with my child's challenging behaviors. So far, we've not found a program that works for us. Would PSD be a good fit?

A: Yes. Our trained and compassionate professionals will collaborate with you and your child to develop the best educational plan possible.

Q: How skilled are the type of people who would work with my child?

A: All of PSD's Early Childhood Education teachers meet or exceed Colorado licensing requirements. All our teachers and paraprofessionals are deeply committed to rigorous ongoing professional development and training to ensure they're the best for their students.



Q: I've heard that families and kids enrolled in PSD's Early Childhood Education programs have access to additional services. What do those include?

A: Services for all PSD Early Childhood Education program families include but aren't limited to:

Student screening and evaluations

- We will ask you about your child to determine where they are at developmentally; hearing and vision screening; PSD will collaborate with your pediatrician and other providers to support your child.

Developmentally-appropriate early childhood education

- Delivered by highly-qualified teachers licensed through the Colorado Department of Education. Approximately 60 percent of our teachers hold a master's degree.

Family services and parenting education classes

- Parenting classes; family engagement program; and PACT (Parent and Child Togetherness) events.

Referrals for community resources and services

- Health and dental; mental wellness, food, and housing supports.

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