

# STATE PRESCHOOL AGE ELIGIBILITY & INCOME GUIDELINES 2025-2026 REV 6/10/2025

## CALIFORNIA PART-DAY STATE PRESCHOOL

### AGE ELIGIBILITY:

#### Four Year Olds

*\*Outside of the below windows, TK-age eligible children may be enrolled*

Dec 2, 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021
Dec 1, 2021											

#### Three Year Olds

*\*Outside of the below windows, a child may be enrolled on or after their 3rd birthday*

Dec 2, 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022
Dec 1, 2022											

#### Transitional Kindergarten or State Preschool

Sept 2, 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021
Sept 1, 2021											

### INCOME GUIDELINES:

\*subject to change

#### STATE PROGRAM-State Median Income (SMI)

All families must be ranked according to the new income ranking table

Family Size		100% of SMI	15% above SMI
1-2		8,071	9,282
3		9,159	10,532
4		10,612	12,203
5		12,309	14,156
6		14,007	16,108
7		14,326	16,474
8		14,644	16,840
9		14,962	17,207
10		15,281	17,573
11		15,999	17,939
12		15,917	18,305

#### Other Qualifying Factors:

CPS, At-Risk, Certain Governmental Programs & Homeless. Also, for State Preschool exceptional needs child or reside in approved neighborhood school boundary

**First:** Child is recipient of Child Protective Services or At-Risk of being neglected, abused or exploited.

**Second:** Once the needs set-aside is filled, child with exceptional needs from income eligible family. Prioritize based on income ranking order.

**Third:** Eligible children not enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten. Prioritize children with the lowest income ranking first.

If 2 or more children are within the same ranking prioritize dual language learners, then based on the child who has been on the waiting list for the longest time.

**Fourth:** Family income is not more than 15% above income threshold (limited to 10% of funded enrollment excluding children with disabilities). Prioritize as follows:

Children with disabilities income ranking order  
Children in income ranking order

Note: If 2 or more children are within the same ranking, admit the child who has been on the waiting list for the longest time

### Education Code

#### State Preschool 4 Year Old- 8205 (ab)

Children who will have their 4th. birthday on or before December 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a CSPP, or a child whose 5th. birthday occurs after September 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a CSPP and whose parent or guardian has opted to retain or enroll them in a CSPP.

#### State Preschool 3 Year Old- 8205 (aa)

Children who will have their third birthday on or before December 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled in a CSPP. Children who have their 3rd. birthday on or after December 2 of the fiscal year, may be enrolled in a CSPP on or after their 3rd. birthday.

#### Transitional Kindergarten- 48000

Child who will have their fifth birthday between September 2 and June 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program

**5% of CSPP funded enrollment** is reserved for Children with Exceptional Needs. To extent possible, enroll in income ranking order. If two or more families have the same ranking, enroll the family with earliest application date first.

**Fifth:** Family resides in approved neighborhood school boundary. Prioritize based on income ranking order.

**Sixth:** Children enrolling in CSPP to provide expanded learning & care to Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten pupils (must meet an eligibility criteria)

#### NON-PRIORITIZED FAMILIES

(after all applicable families have been prioritized)

- 1) Children with disabilities from families with income above 15% of the income threshold who were not enrolled within the set-aside
- 2) Early enrollment children enrolling in a CSPP operated by the school district or charter school, regardless of income

**Set-aside** 5% of CSPP funded enrollment is reserved for Children with Exceptional Needs. Only the child in the family who has exceptional needs may be enrolled under this eligibility criteria and must have an active individualized education program (IEP).