

Parents:

What does Vermont's new Universal Pre-Kindergarten Law mean for you?

If you have a child between the ages of three and five and not yet in kindergarten, your child may be able to receive ten hours per week of publically funded prekindergarten education (pre-K)!

Attending a high-quality preschool program prepares your child for kindergarten and beyond. In Vermont, School Districts are mandated to offer prekindergarten options—enrollment/participation is a family choice—voluntary! Also, pre-K happens in prequalified pre-K programs in schools or community-based programs.

If you are interested in receiving 10 hours of free pre-K experiences for your child connect with your local elementary school to learn how to sign up.

Where can I find a prequalified prekindergarten education program for my child?

Search the [list of prequalified providers](#) by town to find out what programs are qualified to offer preschool in your area. These programs may be in your local school or in a community-based program. Once you find a program you like, call to check for openings, a tour and/or request enrollment information.

How do I sign up?

If your child is going to attend a program offered by the school, the school will process your enrollment.

If your child is going to attend a qualified program outside of the school (in the community) you will have to enroll both with the program/provider (for your child's place in the program) and with your school district (to ensure tuition funding for your child's 10-hours is sent to the program).

What Does the Pre-k Funding Cover?

The funding is to cover 10 hours a week of prekindergarten education for 35 weeks (school year). If your child attends more than 10 hours, 35 weeks you are responsible to cover the tuition for the additional hours/weeks.

If you are enrolling in a community-based program it is important you ask what your actual tuition responsibilities will be and receive this information in writing.

More information can be found on [Universal Prekindergarten](#) online.