

The Developmental Preschool Educational Program consists of educationally appropriate practices. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop vocabulary, increase listening skills, cooperate in play activities, and build mathematical concepts.

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Maricopa Unified School District Community Preschool Program is available to students ages 3-5. The program is taught by certified early childhood teachers, and an instructional paraprofessional. Students must be 3 years of age and registered by June 1 to attend the following school year. Students will be provided with emotional development language, speech development, music & movement, concept of numbers & mathematics and of course, activities & fun! Community Preschool provides a rich standards-based curriculum that aligns with the Arizona Early Learning Standards. During the school day, children have open-ended opportunities to explore and discover using a variety of learning approaches. This is taught through dramatic play, science discovery, art, music, drama, literacy, and physical development.

Preschool Full Day (Monday – Friday) \$660.00
8:35 AM – 3:35 PM (Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Pima Butte & Butterfield)

8:10 AM – 3:10 PM (Maricopa & Saddleback)
All classes will follow the MUSD school calendar.

For more information regarding tuition rates and schedules, please call the MUSD District Office at 520.568.5100 ext. 1009 or visit the [MUSD Preschool webpage](#).

COUNSELING

Counselors are available at all schools. Referrals are available at each school office. Teachers, parents and students can fill out the referral to request services. Parents will be notified in advance before services are provided. More information can be found on [MUSD's Counseling webpage](#).

ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

MUSD believes that a solid kindergarten program creates the foundation of learning as students begin their academic career. For this reason, the following kindergarten options are available for families.

DUAL LANGUAGE

The Dual Language Program introduces Preschool through Third grade students to the world of bilingualism, biliteracy, and culture competency. Students receive instruction and explore content in English and Spanish to develop building blocks that will prepare them for progressive immersion in future grade levels.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The full day program will allow students to fully develop their academic skills. It will be offered to families who have children who turn five years old before September 1st. In addition to the regular kindergarten curriculum, they will be able to participate in enrichment activities and specials.

MARICOPA ACCELERATED PROGRAM

The Maricopa Accelerated Program offers Kindergarten through Second grade students opportunities to speed up the teaching and learning process to achieve the desired learning outcomes at an accelerated pace different from the more traditional arrangements and approaches. The condensed curriculum embeds activities and materials that target the next grade level skills within the same school year. Learners are expected to achieve these learning outcomes with appropriate differentiated support both at school and home.

EARLY KINDERGARTEN

Any student who will turn five (5) years old between September 1st through December 31st is eligible to be assessed for admittance into kindergarten. Assessments are done at the MUSD office in the spring prior to the beginning of the new school year.

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Boys and Girls Club: The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sun Corridor operates Before and After School programs. Their mission is "to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need an environment for students in Kindergarten - 5th grade". There is a monthly cost and also a one-time annual membership fee of \$10. For more information please go to the [Boys & Girls Club of the Sun Corridor website](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION OF STUDENTS FROM THIRD GRADE

A.R.S. 15-701 states that students who obtain a score on the reading portion of the AASA State Assessment, or a successor test that demonstrates the student is reading far below the third (3rd) grade level will not be promoted from the third (3rd) grade.