



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **General Questions**

#### **1. What is Preschool?**

Preschool is an early childhood education program for children between 3 and 5. It focuses on developing social, emotional, cognitive, and motor skills through play-based and structured learning activities. Preschool prepares children for kindergarten by fostering curiosity, independence, and a love of learning in a supportive, engaging environment.

The Fullerton School District offers the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and the Tuition-Based Preschool Program.

#### **2. What curriculum does Preschool follow?**

Our curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach, recognizing each child as a capable and active learner. Encouraging exploration, questions, and meaningful engagement with their environment fosters curiosity and creativity in every child.

#### **3. Who is eligible for Preschool in the Fullerton School District?**

- Children who turn 3 years old on or before Dec. 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled
  - Children who turn 3 on or after Dec. 2 may be enrolled in CSPP after their 3rd birthday
- Children who turn 4 years old on or before Dec. 1 of the fiscal year in which they are enrolled
- Children who turn 5 before September 1 of the current year

#### **4. Is preschool free?**

Part-Day State Preschool is free for all families. Full-Day and Full-Year State Preschool programs are available at no cost or reduced cost, depending on family size and monthly income. To determine if you qualify, please refer to the [Income Ceilings](#)

For families who do not meet the income eligibility requirements for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) or prefer a paid option, FSD also offers a [Tuition- Based Program](#).

#### **5. Do parents have a choice of which preschool their child can attend?**

Parents may choose the preschool their child will attend, provided there is availability at their preferred school, they meet the income requirements, and transportation is not a barrier.

**6. If the school site of your choice is full, are parents offered an alternative preschool site?**

Yes, parents on the waiting list will be informed of availability at other preschool sites.

**7. How long is the waitlist?**

It depends on the availability of space at the school you are interested in.

**8. Do I need to request a transfer for my child to attend a school outside our designated school boundaries?**

Preschool does not require transfers or residency within school boundaries as long as the family resides anywhere in California.

**9. What does a preschool schedule look like?**

A preschool schedule provides a structured yet flexible routine to support children's learning and development. The goal is to ensure consistency across all sites while allowing flexibility to best support our students. See [Preschool Daily Routine Samples](#).

**10. Does preschool offer after-school care?**

No, preschool does not offer after-school care. After-school care is available beginning in Transitional Kindergarten

**Enrollment:**

**11. Can I complete the enrollment process online?**

- **CSPP**
  - Families can complete the initial [CSPP INTENT TO REGISTER FORM](#) online; however, the enrollment must be completed in person at the Preschool Office.
  - CSPP [Preschool Enrollment Process](#)
- **Tuition- Based**
  - Families can complete the Tuition-Based [Intent to Register Form](#) online. Space is limited; therefore, you will be added to a waitlist, and a lottery will be held to select families on a later date.
  - [Tuition-Based Enrollment Process](#)

**12. Which documents do I need to enroll my child**

- **CSPP:** See the list:
  - [REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION](#)
  - [CSPP ENROLLMENT PACKET](#)
- **Tuition-Based:** See the [TUITION-BASED PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION PROCESS](#)

**13. When will I know that my enrollment is complete?**

- **CSPP:** Enrollment is finalized once the preschool staff reviews the enrollment packet and the parent or legal guardian meets with them to complete the process. At that time, the parent will sign the Notice of Action and receive a welcome folder, which includes the child's official start date.

- **Tuition-Based:** Enrollment is complete once the parent or legal guardian meets with the preschool staff to finalize the process. At that time, the parent will receive a welcome folder with their child's start date.

**14. Do I need to complete a new enrollment packet if my child is a returning student?**

- **CSPP:** Families with an existing contract must not complete a new enrollment packet. Instead, they must only submit the [Returning Families with an existing contract](#) packet.
- **Tuition-Based:** Returning families contact Alexandra Rodriguez: [alexandra\\_rodriguez@myfsd.org](mailto:alexandra_rodriguez@myfsd.org)

**Meals:**

**15. Do I have to pay for breakfast/lunch for my preschooler? (CSPP)**

- **For CSPP:** There is no cost for meals. Our program provides free meals to all students. However, families who prefer to opt out of the meal program can do so by completing the [Opt-out Form](#).
- **For Tuition-Based: Part-Day** Parents/ Guardians are responsible for packing a healthy [snack](#) for their child.
- **Tuition-Based Full-Day** offers breakfast/lunch at no cost.

**16. Where can I find the breakfast/ lunch menu? (CSPP)**

Monthly menus can be found on the Fullerton School District website [MENUS](#)

**Policies:**

**17. Is my child required to be potty-trained to enroll in the preschool program?**

Children do not need to be fully potty-trained to attend preschool. We will work with you to create a [Toileting and Diapering Assistance Plan](#).

**18. What is the teacher-to-student ratio in Preschool?**

8:1 student-to-adult ratio

**19. What is the class size?**

The maximum number of students per session is 24.

**20. Can I drop off my child early?**

Children must be dropped off and picked up according to their assigned AM or PM session. Parents and guardians must adhere to the contracted schedule and ensure their child's timely drop-off and pick-up.

**21. How do I update emergency contacts for my preschool child?**

All changes must be made 24 hours in advance, in person, and specify who may pick up the student. These changes must be made in person in the preschool office by the parent/guardian **with valid identification**.-Changes cannot be made by phone or email.

**22. Can I send my school-age child to drop off or pick up the preschooler?**

Minors are not permitted to drop off or pick up a preschooler.

**23. Does preschool provide transportation?**

Unfortunately, transportation is not available for general education preschool students. However, FSD does provide transportation services for Preschool SPED students.

**Attendance:**

**24. Does my child have to attend all five days?**

- **Part-Day** - Children are expected to attend school every day, five days per week.
- **Full-Day & Full-Year** - Children must attend school according to the scheduled contracted hours
- **Tuition-Based** - Children will attend school according to the schedule chosen by the parent

**Health:**

**25. Can my child start without Immunizations?**

[CA State Law SB277](#) requires all children enrolled in state schools to have the necessary doctor-recommended immunizations before starting school or to be on an immunization schedule.

**25. Is a physical required for preschool?**

Yes, a current physical is required for preschool registration; it must be completed on the [LIC 701](#) form.

**Information:**

For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding CSPP Preschool Enrollment and guidelines, please refer directly to the Fullerton School District [website](#).