



Chula Vista Elementary School District

CVESD Family Enrollment Guide for Preschool for the 2026-27 School Year

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Welcome to the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD)! This guide provides families with the essential dates, requirements, and steps needed to enroll their student in Preschool for the 2026–27 school year.

If your student is currently enrolled in our high-quality Preschool Program and is age-eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), you may choose to keep your child in Preschool or enroll them in TK for the upcoming school year. If you choose to remain in Preschool, no additional enrollment paperwork is required, as families who qualify are certified for two years; simply notify the district's Preschool Office to reserve your child's spot. If you decide to enroll your child in TK, you will need to complete the new student online enrollment process.

Preschool Highlights

The district's free, award-winning Preschool Program is for students ages 3 to 5. The Preschool Program prepares students for a successful transition to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and beyond.

- 12 schools in CVESD have on-campus preschools.
- A qualified teacher leads every class, with a 1:8 adult-to-student ratio.
- Every teacher holds a college degree and a Child Development Permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- Students learn a wide variety of activities and techniques to enhance social skills, language development, and general problem-solving.
- Students who attend preschool build a strong foundation in social, academic, and general life skills, preparing them for Transitional Kindergarten and beyond.

The district has preschools at the following school sites: Ella B. Allen, Hazel Goes Cook, Myrtle S. Finney, Harborside, Karl H. Kellogg, J. Calvin Lauderbach, Loma Verde, Mueller Charter, Olympic View, Otay, Greg Rogers, and Vista Square.

How to Enroll

To enroll your student, please visit cvesd.org/enrollnow, then select 2026-27 Preschool Enrollment. Your student must be 3 years old at the time of enrollment. Before beginning the enrollment process, parents/guardians will need the following documents ready for upload:

- Student's birth certificate, plus birth records of all your children under 18 years of age.
- Student's immunization record (for the enrolling child only).
- Proof of residence in the parent/guardian name(s), dated within 30 days. Acceptable documents include a mortgage statement, a complete lease agreement with a recent rent receipt, or a utility bill. Mobile phone bills and past-due statements are not accepted.
- Photo identification for the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Proof of the most recent income for the last 30 consecutive days from the parent(s)/guardian(s). This includes wages, pay stubs, cash aid, food stamps, Section 8, pensions, or unemployment benefits, if applicable.



Once online enrollment is complete and the required documents are emailed to the Preschool Office, the Preschool Office will then guide you through the next steps. Please note that placement is based on program availability, eligibility requirements, and space capacity. Eligibility is determined by your student's age and family income. Families will be contacted if additional documentation is needed to confirm eligibility.

Key Dates

- Open enrollment for new Preschool students starts on March 20, 2026, at 9 a.m.
- Your student is eligible for Preschool once they turn 3 years old at any point during the school year.

Preschool Immunization Requirements

Students must meet California's minimum immunization requirements before the first day of school.

- Polio (IPV): 3 doses
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP): 4 doses
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): 1 dose (given on or after the 1st birthday)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B): 3 doses
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib): 1 dose (given on or after the 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox): 1 dose (given on or after the 1st birthday)

FAQs

- **How do I find my school of residence?** The Preschool location is the parents' choice, based on the locations available.
- **Do the Preschools provide bilingual or dual-immersion language supports?** Although Preschools are not listed as bilingual or dual-immersion programs, we provide Spanish-language support in all of our classrooms.
- **How do I know whether my child qualifies for Preschool?** Visit cvesd.org/lovetalkplay to find an income threshold guide. However, please note that income may not be the only factor in determining eligibility for free, high-quality CVESD preschool. Please call the Preschool Program Team if you have any questions or would like to know if your child qualifies for this amazing program!

What Happens After You Enroll

Preschool staff will review all submitted documents and may contact families if additional information is needed. Placement decisions will be communicated by email. Families are encouraged to regularly check their inboxes and spam or junk folders.

Questions?

Contact the Preschool Program at (619) 409-6604 for support or questions during the open enrollment process.



2026-27 Checklist

Below is a checklist for the district's preschool enrollment process.

January

- ☐ Prepare documents for online enrollment: student birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residence, parent/guardian photo ID, and, if applicable, IEP, 504 Plan, and/or behavior/discipline records, and proof of the most recent income for the last 30 consecutive days.

March

- ☐ March 20 - Open Enrollment for Preschool starts at 9 a.m.
- ☐ Families will be notified by the Preschool Office if eligible, so that parents/guardians can pick up and complete a registration packet. If your student is not eligible, information about the district's School Readiness Program will be shared.

July

- ☐ July 22 - First day of school for the 2026-27 school year.
- ☐ July 25 - Community Expo.