

What is Voluntary PreK?

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is a high-quality, but no longer publicly-funded-for-all, prekindergarten program. **CA PreK @ STARS is our district's Voluntary Preschool Program.**

Due to changes in Minnesota law the eligibility requirements for VPK has changed beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

Children are eligible for **VPK** (CA PreK @ STARS) if they are four years of age as of September 1 in the calendar year in which the school year begins **and** meet one of the following criteria:

- Qualify for [educational benefits](#) (economic indicator)
- Qualify using state general financial eligibility requirements
- Is an English language learner
- Is an American Indian
- Has experienced [homelessness](#) in the last 24 months
- Is identified through health and developmental screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- Is in foster care, kinship care, or is in need of child protection services
- Has a parent who is a migrant or seasonal agricultural laborer.
- Has a parent who is incarcerated.
- Is defined as at risk by the school district.

CA PreK @ STARS encourages caregivers interested in our preschool program to complete the application. If your child does not meet the new program eligibility requirements they may still apply and be enrolled with a tuition fee, if space is available.

For more Information

If you are interested in enrolling in **CA PreK @ STARS** but unsure if your child meets the new eligibility requirements, please contact frontdesk@cologneacademy.org

To learn more about a prekindergarten program, including information on how to enroll a child, please contact **CA PreK @ STARS 952 466-2276**.