

Preschool—The PUSD Educational Journey Begins

NOTABLE FACTS:

Poway Unified School District's Early Childhood Development and Education Program provides community-based high-quality preschool, child care, and parent education program options for PUSD's youngest children and their families.

- Its mission is to ensure that children are ready to succeed and experience success when they begin kindergarten.
- The early education and care programs provide safe and nurturing environments that promote the physical, social, emotional, aesthetic, intellectual, and language development of each child while being sensitive to the needs and preferences of families.
- The Ready-to-Learn Project supports parents in their roles as their child's first teachers. It provides comprehensive parent education workshops and classes for parents of young children. Parents learn skills and strategies to give their children strong foundations in preparation for school entry.

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“What knowledge, skills, and attitudes are important in preparation for KINDERGARTEN?”

The PUSD Preschool Program

Forty-six preschool classes are located on 17 elementary school campuses, and at two high schools and one middle school. These community-based preschools opened in response to noteworthy research and evidence of the benefits of early childhood education to student success upon their school entry. Program options vary. Child care is available daily 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and includes three concentrated hours of preschool each morning. Other options include parent participation, where teachers not only direct student learning, but assist parents in learning about child development and design of appropriately structured activities that will benefit their children's growth and development. In addition, classes meet two, three, or five times each week.

Parent involvement in the early education of their child is supported in several ways. A parent education resource teacher works within classes, periodically with small groups of parents, and develops workshop presentations to meet expressed interests and needs of parents. A large Ready-to-Learn program offers numerous education classes for parents and their child, beginning at birth. Welcome Baby Kits are given to new parents.



- **Parent Participation:** [Chaparral](#), [Deer Canyon](#), [Garden Road](#), [Morning Creek](#), [Pomerado](#), [Shoal Creek](#), [Sundance](#), [Valley](#), [Turtleback](#)
- **State Preschool:** [Garden Road](#), [Los Peñasquitos](#), [Pomerado](#), [Sundance](#), [Valley](#),
- **Pre-kindergarten:** [Morning Creek](#), [Painted Rock](#), [Shoal Creek](#), [Stone Ranch](#), [Tierra Bonita](#), [Creekside](#), [Poway High](#), [Westview High](#), [Oak Valley](#)
- **Full Day:** [Creekside](#), [Tierra Bonita](#), [Poway High](#), [Stone Ranch](#), [Westview High](#), [Rolling Hills](#), [Westwood](#), [Sunset Hills](#)
Head Start: [Los Peñasquitos](#), [Valley](#), [Rolling Hills](#)