

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.

- 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/Parent Education Project and Even Start Literacy Program support parents in their roles as their child's first teachers.
- PUSD now has an Employee Child Care Center for Infants and Toddlers.



OUR MISSION ...to ensure that children are ready to succeed and experience success when they begin kindergarten.

There are 48 preschool classes at 19 elementary schools and two high schools. These community-based preschool options for three- and four- year-old children include fee-based parent participation classes part-days 2-5 days per week, preschool with full day child care, State-funded classes for children from families who meet income eligibility, and infant and toddler care for children of parents enrolled in Even Start programs.

Part-Day Program	Full-Day Program	State-Funded Program	Head Start Program	Infants and Toddlers	Total Children Served
488	234	120	141	53*	1,036*

* Includes 29 children at PEARL Center

- **Parent Participation:** [Chaparral](#), [Deer Canyon](#), [Garden Road](#), [Monterey Ridge](#), [Morning Creek](#), [Pomerado](#), [Shoal Creek](#), [Sundance](#), [Sunset Hills](#), [Turtleback](#), [Valley](#)
- **State Preschool:** [Garden Road](#), [Los Peñasquitos](#), [Pomerado](#), [Sundance](#), [Valley](#)
- **Pre-kindergarten:** [Creekside](#), [Morning Creek](#), [Painted Rock](#), [Shoal Creek](#), [Stone Ranch](#), [Tierra Bonita](#), [Poway High](#), [Westview High](#)
- **Full Day:** [Adobe Bluffs](#), [Creekside](#), [Monterey Ridge](#), [Rolling Hills](#), [Stone Ranch](#), [Sunset Hills](#), [Tierra Bonita](#), [Turtleback](#), [Westwood](#), [Poway High](#), [Westview High](#)
- **Head Start:** [Midland](#), [Los Peñasquitos](#), [Rolling Hills](#), [Valley](#) The District Early Childhood Program works in close collaboration with the federally-funded Head Start program which offers full - and part-day preschool and family service opportunities for children from families who meet federal income eligibility.

The Ready to Learn/Parent Education Project provides workshops and classes for parents of young children in support of their roles as their child's first teachers. Parents learn skills and strategies to give their children strong foundations in preparation for school entry. Almost 300 families have participated in workshops and classes this year.

The Even Start Literacy Program is a state-funded family literacy program for parents and their young children ages birth to seven. This program has been located at Valley and Los Peñasquitos elementary schools for the past four years. Thirty families consistently participate in this comprehensive program. The four components of the program are Adult, Childhood, Parenting Education, and Parent and Child Interactive Literacy.

Poway Unified School District's Employee Child Care Center for Infants and Toddlers opened August 15, 2006, and has been named the **PEARL (Poway's EARly Learning) Center**. Ages accepted are 6 weeks to 18 months (infants) and 18 months to 30 months (toddlers). Twenty-nine young children are enrolled in this Center, which is located at Rolling Hills Elementary School.

For more information, please visit <http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/sss/preschool/>.