

Elk Grove Unified provides excellent preschool programs that help 3 and 4-year old children get ready for kindergarten. While program costs vary based on funding sources, Head Start, Title I, and State preschool programs are free for income eligible families. Programs such as Champions are fee-based.

Children in all of the PreK programs participate in educational activities that focus on emerging literacy and numeracy skills and social-emotional development. They have healthy meals and snacks and enjoy playing with other children outdoors in a safe and fun learning environment.

Enroll your 3 or 4 year-old in preschool to help them gain the academic and social skills they need to be successful in kindergarten.

How old must students be to participate in EGUSD preschool programs?

Students must be three years-old on or before August 31 to enter a preschool program. There are limited spaces and priority is given to four year olds.

Head Start Preschool

Head Start is a federal program for preschool children. The program is operated by the PreK-6 Education Department in the Elk Grove Unified School District. Eligibility for Head Start preschool is based on income guidelines. The majority of classes are in session 3.5 hours per day, Monday through Thursday. Two classes are in session 6 hours a day, Monday through Friday.

California State Preschool Program

California's State Preschool income-eligible program is a state funded program serving 3 and 4-year-old children. State Preschool classrooms focus on preparing children for kindergarten. Classes are in session three hours per day, Monday through Friday.

Title I – Preschool

Title 1 Preschool is for children who reside within the boundaries of a Title 1 school. The following elementary schools have a Title 1 preschool program:

- Florin
- Samuel Kennedy
- Herman Leimbach
- Prairie
- David Reese
- John Reith
- Sierra Enterprise
- Union House

To register your child for any of the above programs, please call (916) 686-7595.

Champions Before and After-School Programs

This program is offered by a private agency and is available on several of our school sites. To enquire about the program please call (916) 686-7595.

