

# Qualifying & Applying for Free or Affordable Preschool

## INCOME & DATE OF BIRTH REQUIREMENTS

Your family can qualify for free or affordable preschool if:

- The child's date of birth falls between 9/2/20 and 12/1/22. Children born after 12/1/22 will qualify when they turn 3 years old.
- You meet the income eligibility requirements according to the guidelines below:

2025/2026 Income Eligibility for California State Preschool Program							
Family Size	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Family Monthly Income (Gross)	\$9,282 or less	\$10,532 or less	\$12,203 or less	\$14,156 or less	\$16,108 or less	\$16,474 or less	\$16,840 or less

## APPLYING AT OUR LOCATIONS

We operate six preschools across Santa Cruz County, funded in part by the California Department of Education. Find the location that works best for you and your family, fill out an application, and mail it or drop it off on-site.

### WATSONVILLE

**Fairgrounds Early Education Center**  
2667 E. Lake Ave.  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1150

**Vista Verde Early Education Center**  
1936 Freedom Blvd.  
Freedom, CA 95019  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1130

### SANTA CRUZ

**Sycamore Street Early Education Center**  
121 Sycamore St. #100  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1120

**Nuevo Dia Early Education Center**  
135 Leibrandt Ave.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1140

### SAN LORENZO VALLEY

**Redwood Mountain Early Education Center**  
7103A Hwy 9  
Felton, CA 95018  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1160

**Highlands Park Early Education Center**  
8500 Hwy 9  
Ben Lomond, CA 95005  
M-F 8AM-4PM  
831-400-1170