

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