
FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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Students
PRESCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that high-quality preschool experiences help children ages 3-4 years to enhance social-emotional development, knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for a successful transition into the elementary education program. Such programs should provide developmentally appropriate activities in a safe, adequately supervised, and cognitively rich environment.

Collaboration with Community Programs

The County Superintendent or designee may collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and/or private preschool providers to assess the availability of preschool programs throughout the county and the extent to which the preschool needs are being met. The County Board and the County Superintendent believe that all Fresno County children should have access to high quality preschool programs.

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Amended: 04/20/2023

Legal Reference

Education Code

8200-8499.10 Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:
8200-8209 General provisions for child care and development services
8230-8233 Migrant child care and development program
8235-8239.1 California State Preschool Program
8240-8244 General child care and development programs
8250-8252 Programs for children with special needs
8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
8360-8370 Personnel qualifications
8400-8409 Contracts
8493-8498 Facilities
8499.3-8499.7 Local child care and development planning councils

Health and Safety Code

1596.70-1596.895 California Child Day Care Act
1596.90-1597.21 Day care centers
120325-120380 Immunization requirements

Code of Regulations, Title 5

18000-18434 Child care and development programs
18130-18136 California State Preschool Program
18295 Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor
4600-4670 Uniform Complaint Procedures

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4690-4694 Complaints regarding health and safety issues in license-exempt preschool programs
80105-80125 Commission on Teacher Credentialing, child care and development permits

Code of Regulations, Title 22

101151-101239.2 General requirements, licensed child care centers
101212-101231 Continuing requirements
101237-101239.2 Facilities and equipment

United States Code, Title 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
6311-6322 Title I, relative to preschool
6371-6376 Early Reading First
6381-6381k Even Start family literacy programs
6391-6399 Education of migratory children

United States Code, Title 42

9831-9852c Head Start programs
9857-9858r Child Care and Development Block Grant

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 22

101151-101239.2 General requirements, licensed child care centers, including:
101151-101163 Licensing and application procedures
101212-101231 Continuing requirements
101237-101239.2 Facilities and equipment

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45

1301.1-1305.2 Head Start

Management Resources

CSBA Publications

What Boards of Education Can Do About Kindergarten Readiness, Governance Brief, May 2016

California Department of Education Publications

California Preschool Learning Foundations
Dream Big for Our Youngest Children: Final Report of the California Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee, 2010
Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning, 2nd ed., 2009
Prekindergarten Learning Development Guidelines, 2000
First Class: A Guide for Early Primary Education, 1999

U.S. Department of Education Publications

Good Start, Grow Smart, April 2002
Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings, 2016

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Web Sites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association for the Education of Young Children: <http://www.caeyc.org>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Head Start Association: <https://headstartca.org/>

California Preschool Instructional Network: <http://www.cpin.us>

Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <https://www.ca-ilg.org/ccs-partnership>

First 5 Association of California: <https://www.ccfc.ca.gov/>

National Institute for Early Education Research: <http://nieer.org>