



# Quick Facts . . .

## TEHAMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STATE PRESCHOOLS

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**State Preschool Programs** are operated by the Tehama County Department of Education and funded by the California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division.

### Locations

- **Red Bluff:** Metteer, Bidwell, and Jackson Heights Elementary Schools, Berrendos Middle School campus, and Tehama County Department of Education campus.
- **Cottonwood:** Evergreen Elementary School.
- **Corning:** Olive View Elementary School and Maywood Middle School campus.
- **Central County:** Los Molinos and Gerber Elementary School campuses.
- Each preschool classroom is licensed by the California Dept. of Social Services, Community Care Licensing.

### Program Services

- State Preschool is provided at NO COST to income qualified families.
- The half-day program serves children 3 to 4 years old and families as follows:
  - Referred by CPS
  - Four-year-old eligible children
  - Within income guidelines
  - Have a total gross income of less than 70% of the state median income at time of initial application

### Philosophy and Quality

- Our philosophy has a strong commitment to providing the highest quality program for preschoolers and their families.
- Our program focuses on each child's developmental progress in cognitive, language, physical, social and emotional growth and well-being.
- All staff are required to have a Child Development Permit issued by the State of California.
  - The State Preschool Director oversees preschool staff.
  - Each state preschool site has three staff members: site supervisor, teacher, and assistant teacher.

### Example of Daily Activities

- Large Group
- Discovery Time
- Story Time
- One Meal /Snack
- Outside Learning
- Small Groups
- Curriculum:
  - Doors to Discovery is a four-week, theme-based curriculum, focusing on literacy.
  - AlphaFriends helps teach the letters and sounds of the alphabet.
  - The Creative Curriculum is based on 38 objectives for development and learning, and addresses all the important areas of learning, from social-emotional and math to technology and the arts.

### Environment: Nine Learning Centers

- Library
- Math
- Literacy
- Manipulatives
- Writing
- Dramatic Play
- Art
- Science
- Blocks

### Assessments

Assessments are ongoing throughout the school year with targeted help provided as needed. The State Preschool programs use the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) to assess children, ensuring all their developmental needs are being addressed.

### Parent Education

Parents are crucial to the success of their children within the classroom environment!

- Monthly parent meeting
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Classroom support
- Partners in literacy workshops

### Transition to Kindergarten

Kindergarten connections are formed in the following ways:

- State Preschools are located on elementary school campuses.
- State Preschool classrooms participate in elementary school activities, i.e., eating in the cafeteria, visiting the school library, as well as exploring the campus itself.

### Enrollment Process

- Families may request to be on the eligibility list by completing a wait list form.
- Families are responsible for keeping their wait list form current.
- When an opening occurs, families will be notified in order of ranking for an enrollment appointment. Ranking is determined by income and family size.
- The eligibility list is kept in the following order of enrollment priorities:
  - CPS referrals
  - Four-year-old eligible children (4 years old by Sept. 1), lowest income first based on family income ranking.
  - Three-year-old eligible children (3 years old by Sept.1), lowest income first based on family income ranking.
  - Families who meet income guidelines may be enrolled up to 120 days before the first day of school.

### Tehama County Department of Education State Preschools

Our vision is to provide a safe, nurturing, learning environment that supports the whole child, family and staff.

For more information, please call the State Preschool office, 530-528-7325 or 528-7324.