

2025-2026 ECCEL PRESCHOOL Registration Information

Early registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 12:00 a.m. and end on Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. A lottery drawing will determine the order in which your child is placed. To be eligible for placement during the early registration period, the following process must be completed no later than March 16. Starting March 24, placements will be first come, first served, based on availability. Open Enrollment applications for out-of-district students will be considered starting on September 1, 2025, based on capacity. If you reside outside of the district boundaries, please do not register until your Open Enrollment application has been approved. *Please refer to questions 12 and 13 on the FAQ's page attached.

Registration:

This is a fee-based program, see page 2 for more information.

Registration consists of three parts. Each part of the registration process is required:

- 1. **Complete** an online registration and pay the registration fee through Eleyo. Use this link/web address: https://peoriaunified.ce.eleyo.com/
 - ➤ The online process takes approximately 20-30 minutes and will not be saved until submitted.
 - > Registration fees are **non-refundable** and are due at the time of registration. Fees are paid online through Eleyo. Peer Model: \$40, General Education: \$75
- 2. Complete a Required Forms Packet and email the completed packet to the Preschool Registration Office.
 - The Required Forms Packet is fillable and can be completed by clicking the link in Eleyo during your registration process (one of the last questions). Contact the preschool office if you do not have the opportunity to do this and the forms can be emailed to you. Forms must be signed and dated (print and sign or sign electronically). Save the forms to a file to save the content prior to emailing (the forms can come through blank if you miss this step and you will need to redo them).
- 3. Submit birth certificate, immunization records and current proof of residency via email or fax.
 - ➤ You must provide proof of residency and current immunization records at the time of registration. You can register for preschool if you are missing a birth certificate. The birth certificate must be received within 30 days of the student starting school.

Requirements:

Preschool: 3 years old and completely toilet trained (no diapers or pull-ups) **Toddlers***: 18 months old and walking *Glendale Community College only

Financial Assistance Opportunities: Eligibility criteria apply, and co-payment may be required.

- Limited scholarships are available through Quality First for students in general education classrooms.
 Applications will be available in the Preschool Registration Office and online in May 2025. <u>Returning</u> families must reapply.
- DES Child Care Assistance is accepted at all locations.
- There is a 15% discount after the first child when paying for two or more siblings attending preschool or for children of Peoria Unified School District employees.

Preschool Registration Office:

8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday | Sky View Elementary School, 8624 W. Sweetwater Ave., Peoria, AZ 85381 | PHONE 623-773-6675 | FAX 623-773-6680 | EMAIL Preschool@pusd11.net

Learning Options

The Early Childhood Center for Excellence in Learning (ECCEL) Preschool Program provides programming that meets the needs of the whole child – socially, academically, and emotionally – to prepare them to enter kindergarten ready to learn. We believe children need time to be children and learn best through discovery and play in a literacy-based environment that builds skills and challenges thinking.

Through side-by-side classrooms on elementary school campuses, typically developing and developmentally delayed three and four-year-olds have their individual needs met through interaction with general education teachers, therapists, and special education inclusion teachers. Preschool students will have the opportunity to spend time in a variety of educational settings throughout the school year. This includes both the general education and the special education classrooms. Our goal is to provide a rich and inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of every student.

*All programs are licensed through the Arizona Department of Health Services and are part of the continuum of special education services for children identified with special education needs (*Glendale Community College is not included in the continuum of special education services).

Learning Options

Breakfast, lunch, or a snack is provided daily in all programs.

Half Day in a General Education Setting - \$75 non-refundable registration fee

- Approximately 16 students with a general education teacher and one instructional assistant
- Must be typically developing no delays or concerns and fully toilet trained
- *\$450 per month: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 3 hours AM or 3 hours PM (times vary)

Half Day in a Special Education Setting "Peer Model" - \$40 non-refundable registration fee

- Approximately 13 students with a special education teacher and two instructional assistants
- Must be typically developing no delays or concerns and fully toilet trained. There will be a screening, and children must pass in all 5 areas of development to participate as a Peer Model.
- *\$210 per month: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; 3 hours AM or 3 hours PM (times vary)

Full Day Option in a General Education Setting - \$75 non-refundable registration fee

- Only at Glendale Community College (GCC). Preference given to GCC students and faculty.
- Breakfast, lunch and 2 snacks are provided
- Toddlers: Approximately 8 students with three instructional assistants
 - ♦18 months and walking to 3 years 5 months old
- Preschool: ♦ Approximately 16 students with two instructional assistants
 - ♦3 years 6 months to 5 years old (after 9/1/25, not kindergarten eligible)
 - ♦ Must be typically developing no delays or concerns and fully toilet trained
- Certified Teacher to supervise both classroom settings
- Monday Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with wrap-around care available from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (included)

Child Find: If you have concerns about your child's development including vision, hearing, communication, motor, socialization, or special health problems, call 623-773-6685 and request a preschool Child Find screening.

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^{*}Please note that all fees are proposed and are pending Peoria Unified School District Governing Board approval.

Location Options, Times and Assistance Opportunities

Locations listed are anticipated for the 2025-2026 school year. They are dependent on campus space and subject to change. You will be notified if there is a change in the location you register for.

			Scholarships Available (Limited) Copayments	DES Childcare
School	AM	PM	may apply	Accepted
Alta Loma	7:30-10:30	11:15-2:15	Yes	Yes
Apache	8:25-11:25	12:20-3:20	Yes	Yes
Country	8:10-11:10	12:00-3:00	No	Yes
Meadows				
Desert Harbor	7:45-10:45	12:00-3:00	Yes	Yes
Desert Palms	7:30-10:30	11:30-2:30	Yes	Yes
Foothills	8:30-11:30	12:30-3:30	Yes	Yes
Frontier	7:30-10:30	11:30-2:30	Yes	Yes
GCC	(7:00) 8:00-4:00 (4:30)		Yes	Yes
	Full day option only			
Lake Pleasant	8:15-11:15	12:15-3:15	Yes	Yes
Oasis	7:20-10:20	11:15-2:15	Yes	Yes
Parkridge	8:10-11:10	12:10-3:10	Yes	Yes
Peoria Elem	8:30-11:30	12:30-3:30	Yes	Yes
Sky View	8:20-11:20	12:15-3:15	Yes	Yes
Sundance	7:30-10:30	11:20-2:20	Yes	Yes
Vistancia	8:10-11:10	12:10-3:10	Yes	Yes

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How old does my child have to be to attend preschool?

Children must be 3 to attend preschool and must be completely potty trained. Toddlers attending Glendale Community College (GCC) must be 18 months and walking.

2. When do classes start?

Preschool classes start on August 4, 2025. If you have a child with a birth date that falls after August 4, your child will not be permitted to start school until he/she turns three. This is to keep in compliance with Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) Child Care Licensure regulations which differ for two-year-olds and three-year-olds. Holidays and breaks match the Peoria School District calendar. Glendale Community College programs will also follow the Peoria Unified School District calendar.

3. Can I volunteer in the classroom?

Yes. Volunteer training is required through the school district, however because of DHS regulations we must limit the number of days per month and a DHS licensing file will be required.

4. Is financial assistance available for monthly fees?

<u>DES Child Care Assistance</u> is accepted at all locations. Limited scholarships are available through Quality First for students in a general education classroom. Eligibility criteria apply. Scholarships are for one school year only. *If you are currently receiving a scholarship* **YOU MUST REAPPLY** to be eligible for a scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year. It is anticipated that applications will be available in May. You must have completed the registration process before scholarship applications will be reviewed. All scholarship applications and documentation must be submitted to the Preschool Registration Office. There may be a monthly copayment for scholarship recipients. Scholarship criteria are subject to change based on the funder's eligibility requirements. Call the preschool office for information.

5. Is there a discount when paying for two or more children enrolled from the same family or for PUSD employees?

Yes. There is a 15% discount after the first child, when paying for two or more siblings attending preschool. There is a 15% discount for children of PUSD employees. It is your responsibility to let us know if one of these discounts applies to you.

6. When are preschool fees due? How are fees calculated?

Installments are due on the 1st of each month, August through May. The total cost of the program is based on a daily rate and the number of preschool days in the year. **The total is divided into ten equal installments**. Installments are the same each month regardless of the number of school days in the month. The total cost does not include Holidays or school breaks. There are no refunds or credits for absences or illness. Tax credit donations cannot be used for preschool. Fees will be prorated for late starts or early withdrawals based on the daily rate and the number of days enrolled in the program (including 2-weeks withdrawal notice). The first or last installment could be more or less than the monthly fee based on this calculation.

7. I have only lived here a short time, and I do not have anyone to put down as an emergency contact.We must have at least two local emergency contacts or we are required to list the Department of Child Safety and/or the police department as a contact.

8. I have applied to get a birth certificate, but it has not arrived yet.

You may register your child and provide this within 30 days following your child's start date.

9. I do not have a copy of my child's immunization record. Current vaccines are required to start preschool. Contact your child's doctor to request this document prior to your child's start date. Note: The Hepatitis A immunization is required for all preschoolers in Maricopa County. When you are updating your child's immunizations, be sure to include this. If you need a list of immunization clinics, please call the preschool office. You may request an immunization exemption for religious beliefs if you wish.

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10. Does my child have to be toilet trained?

For your child to attend the community preschool program, they are *required to be fully toilet trained prior to starting preschool. Fully toilet trained means they can self-toilet and do not need assistance. They **cannot** be in diapers or pull-ups. Your child may be removed from the program if they have multiple or frequent accidents. *Toddlers do not need to be fully toilet trained to attend GCC.

11. I have concerns about my child's development. What should I do?

If you have concerns about your child's vision, hearing, communication, motor, socialization, or special health problems, call 623-773-6685 and request a preschool Child Find Screening.

12. Can my child attend preschool in Peoria School District if I live outside of the district boundaries? Open Enrollment applications will be considered beginning September 1, 2025, based on capacity. Out-of-district residents should complete an Open Enrollment application and submit it to the ECCEL Preschool Office. If you are unsure if you reside within PUSD boundaries, visit the Interactive School Locator under Our District and School Boundaries at www.peoriaunified.org. (Exception: GCC students and faculty, see #13)

13. Can anyone register for the Glendale Community College location option?

Yes. Priority placement is given to children of GCC students and faculty. An Open Enrollment application will be required for GCC students and faculty residing outside of PUSD attendance boundaries and may be completed as soon as registration opens.

14. How will I know if my child has been accepted into the program?

General Education - You will receive a confirmation email when your contract is approved in Eleyo. Registration is not final until then. We need to be sure space is available at the locations offered.

Peer Models - You will be contacted to schedule a Peer Model Screening (in-person at Ira Murphy Elementary). Children must pass in all 5 developmental areas. Peer Models are typically developing with no concerns or delays, and they participate in a Special Education Classroom setting. Must be fully toilet trained.

15. When will I hear from my child's teacher about a classroom visit?

Your child's teacher will contact you by July 29 to schedule your classroom visit. Classroom visits will take place July 30 – August 1. A classroom visit gives your child the opportunity to meet their teacher in a small group setting. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions and discuss concerns about your child.

16. What does my child need for school?

A backpack is helpful to carry things safely to and from school, but it is not a requirement. Children will need a complete set of extra clothing. Everything else will be supplied by the program.

17. Is there a registration fee?

Yes. All registration fees are **non-refundable:** General Education setting - \$75; Peer Model setting - \$40 This fee covers processing costs and is required to hold your spot. It will not be applied to your monthly installments. Registration fees apply per student and per year they enroll for preschool.

18. How do I register?

1. Complete the online registration and pay a non-refundable registration fee through Eleyo. **2.** Submit registration documents: birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency. **3.** Submit completed "Required Forms Packet" by email, in person at Sky View Elementary, or fax. Registration is not complete until all 3 steps are completed and received by the Preschool Registration Office.

19. How is placement determined?

A lottery drawing will determine the order of placement. For your child to be eligible for placement during the early registration period, your online registration, documents, and fees must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm on March 16, 2025. Currently enrolled preschoolers, their siblings and PUSD employees will be given priority during the early registration period. Starting March 24, placements will be first come, first served, based on availability.