Peoria Unified ECCEL Preschool Registration Information 2019 - 2020

To complete the registration process, provide the following documents, forms and any applicable registration fees to the Preschool Registration Office. Forms are available in the Preschool Office or online at <u>https://www.peoriaunified.org/Page/820</u>

- a) Current proof of residency (utility bill, rental agreement, etc.)
- b) Current immunization record(s)
- c) Birth certificate
- d) ECCEL Registration Packet
- e) Non-Refundable Registration Fee: \$60/Community Preschool **or** \$20/Peer Model (cash, check or money order only; exact change appreciated)

Placements are based on availability on a first come, first served basis. Only students residing within PUSD boundaries and children of PUSD employees will be considered for placement through May 30, 2019. Variances for out of district students will be considered starting July 22, 2019, when the office reopens from summer.

Scholarship opportunities: Applications will be available in the Preschool Registration Office and online in May 2019. Scholarships are awarded for one year only. Returning families must reapply. Scholarships are limited and based on eligibility criteria. There is a monthly copayment for scholarship recipients.

New Program: Preschool Summer EdCamp 2019

• Fee based summer camp options for 4-year-olds. Must be registered for ECCEL Preschool or PUSD Kindergarten for 2019-20 to attend. For more information visit <u>www.peoriaunified.org/summer</u> or call 623-773-6675.

Preschool Registration Office at Sky View Elementary Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday 8624 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85381 Phone: 623-773-6675 Fax: 623-773-6680 Email: Preschool@pusd11.net



ECCEL Learning Options

Peoria Unified School District's preschool program provides options that meet 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 regular education and special education teachers, therapists and special education inclusion teachers. 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. Preschool staff and students integrate across classrooms daily.

Preschool programs run Tuesday-Friday and most programs are three hours a day. Full day students at Frontier and Glendale Community College have care available on Mondays. Breakfast or a snack is provided daily in all programs. Limited scholarships are available through Quality First for students in a general education classroom and DES Child Care Assistance is accepted at many locations. Eligibility criteria apply and a co-payment may be required. There is a 20% discount when paying for two or more siblings attending preschool or for children of district employees.

Half Day in a General Education Setting (\$60 non-refundable registration fee)

- 16 students with a general education teacher and one instructional assistant
- \$315 per month; Tuesday-Friday; 3 hours a.m. or 3 hours p.m. (times vary)

Full Day Options in a General Education Setting (\$60 non-refundable registration fee)

- Frontier Elementary \$625 per month: Preschool program Tuesday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with child care available on Mondays; wrap-around care available Monday-Friday: early drop off 6:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and late pick up 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Canyon Elementary \$520 per month; Tuesday-Friday; 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (must be 4 by September 1)
- Pioneer Elementary \$520 per month; Tuesday-Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (must be 4 by September 1)
- Students will bring lunch or purchase lunch in the cafeteria (free and reduced lunch application available online at <u>https://www.peoriaunified.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=328</u>)
- Glendale Community College Monday-Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Toddlers (18 months and walking to 3 years) \$950 per month (part day \$475 per month)
 - Preschoolers (3 and 4 year-olds) \$625 per month (AM or PM only \$375 per month)
 - Preference given to GCC students and faculty
 - Lunch and 2 snacks included

Peer Models in a Special Education setting (\$20 non-refundable registration fee)

- 13 students with a special education teacher and two instructional assistants
- \$175 per month ; Tuesday-Friday; 3 hours a.m. or 3 hours p.m. (times vary)

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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ECCEL Frequently Asked Questions

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

Children must be 3 to attend preschool. Children attending Canyon or Pioneer programs must be 4 by August 31st. Toddlers attending Glendale Community College (GCC) must be 18 months and walking.

2. When do classes start?

ECCEL Preschool classes follow the Peoria School District calendar. Scheduled classroom visits will take place from August 6th until preschool classes start on August 13th. If you have a child with a birth date that falls after August 13th, your child will not be permitted to start school until he/she turns three. This is to keep us in compliance with Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) Child Care Licensure regulations which differ for two-year-olds and three-year-olds. Holidays match the district calendar. Glendale Community College programs will follow the GCC calendar.

3. Can I volunteer in the class?

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 licensing file may be required.

4. Is financial assistance available for monthly fees?

Limited scholarships are available through Quality First for students in a general education classroom. Eligibility criteria apply. It is anticipated that applications will be available in May. Call the preschool office at 623-773-6675 for information. Scholarships are for one year only. If you are currently receiving a scholarship **you must reapply** to be eligible for a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year. You must have completed the registration process before scholarship applications will be reviewed. All scholarship applications and documentation must be submitted in person at the Preschool Registration Office. There is a monthly copayment for scholarship recipients. Scholarship criteria is subject to change based on funder's eligibility requirements.

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 20% discount when paying for two or more siblings attending preschool <u>or</u> for children of district employees. It is your responsibility to let us know if one of these discounts apply to you.

6. When are preschool fees due?

Installments are due by the 1st of each month, August through May. The total cost of the program has been divided into ten equal payments based on the number of preschool days in the year. The total does not include the two-week Winter Break or one week Fall Break and Spring Break. Preschool fees are like a mortgage payment. The payment continues even if you are on vacation or if your child misses days in the week. Payment installments are the same each month regardless of the number of school days in the month. Tax credit donations cannot be used for preschool.

7. I've only lived here a short time and I don't 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've tried to get a birth certificate/immunization records, but they haven't arrived yet!

We can register your child, however these documents will be required. Birth certificates are required within 30 days and immunizations within 15 days of your child's first day of school. 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 immunization as well. If you need a list of immunization clinics, please call the preschool office at 623-773-6675. You may request an immunization exemption for religious beliefs if you wish.

9. Does my child have to be toilet trained?

If your child is typically developing they are required to be fully toilet trained prior to starting preschool. Fully toilet trained means they can self-toilet and do not wear diapers or pull-ups. Toddlers do not need to be fully toilet trained at Glendale Community College.

10. I live out of the district. Can my child attend preschool in Peoria School District?

Out of district variance requests will be considered beginning July 22, 2019 based on availability and may not be processed until up to two weeks after the start of preschool. Out-of-district residents need to complete a variance request at the time of registration. PUSD employees living out of district can apply for a variance at *any time*, based on availability. Glendale Community College students living out of district will need to complete a variance form but will be given priority enrollment for on-campus preschool programs. If you are unsure if you reside within PUSD boundaries, visit the Interactive School Locator under Our District and School Boundaries at <u>www.peoriaunified.org</u>.

11. When will I know if my child has been accepted into the program?

General Education - You will receive an email in the summer. Registration is not final until then. We need to be sure space is available at the locations offered. District employees, currently enrolled students and their siblings are given priority during the two-week early registration period.

Peer Models – Your registration will be reviewed by the Preschool Assessment Team. You will be contacted to confirm your acceptance into the program. District employees, currently enrolled students and their siblings are given priority during the two-week early registration period.

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

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. Your child's teacher will contact you between August 1st and August 5th to schedule your classroom visit. Classroom visits will take place August 6th – August 12th. The program at Glendale Community College will follow the college calendar and may differ from the PUSD calendar.

13. 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.

14. Is there a registration fee?

Yes! General Education Classes - There is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee.

Peer Models – There is a \$20 <u>non-refundable</u> registration fee.

This fee covers processing costs and is required to hold your spot. It will not be applied to your monthly installments.

15. How do I register?

Submit registration documents (birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency), completed ECCEL Registration Packet and non-refundable registration fee (if applicable) to the Preschool Office at Sky View Elementary. Placement is based on availability.

16. How is placement determined?

Early registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Monday, March 4th and end on Thursday, March 14th. A lottery drawing will take place March 15th to determine placement. For your child to be eligible for placement during the early registration period, your application, documents and fees must be submitted no later than March 14th. Currently enrolled preschoolers, their siblings and district employees will be given priority during the early registration period. Preschool registration will be **closed** March 15th and will reopen March 25th after Spring Break. Placements will then be based on availability on a first come, first served basis. Students with an IEP are required to reenroll but are not part of the lottery process during early registration and do not pay a registration fee.

The ECCEL Preschool Registration Office is located at Sky View Elementary, 8624 W. Sweetwater Avenue (North of Cactus on 87th Avenue). Please call 623-773-6675 if you have any questions.

ECCEL Location Options:

Locations listed are anticipated for the 2019-2020 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.

Choose a Classroom Setting (check one): General Education or Peer Model/Special Education setting

(No full day options)

Below: Number your 1st and 2nd preference for location **and** your 1st and 2nd preference for session below: *must be 4 years-old by August 31, 2019 for Pioneer and Canyon Locations

1 st & 2 nd Option	LOCATION: (option is not available if blacked out)	AM PART DAY	PM PART DAY	FULL DAY
	Alta Loma Elementary: 9750 N. 87 th Avenue (Between Peoria and Olive on 87 th Avenue)			
	Canyon Elementary/*must be 4 – 5490 W. Paradise Lane (Between Greenway and Bell off of 51 st Ave. or 59 th Ave.)			
	Country Meadows Elementary – 8409 N. 111 th Avenue (Between Northern and Olive on 111 th Avenue)			
	Desert Harbor Elementary – 15585 N. 91 st Avenue (Between Thunderbird and Bell on 91 st Avenue)			
	Desert Palms Elementary – 11441 N. 55 th Avenue (Between Peoria and Cactus on 55 th Avenue)			
	Desert Valley Elementary - 12901 N. 63 rd Avenue (North of Cactus on 63 rd Avenue)			
	Foothills Elementary – 15808 N. 63 rd Avenue (Between Greenway and Bell on 63 rd Avenue)			
	Frontier Elementary – 21258 N. 81 st Avenue (Between Union Hills and Deer Valley off of 83 rd Avenue)			
	Glendale Community College – 6000 W. Olive Avenue (North of Olive on 59 th Avenue) Preference to GCC Students and Faculty			
	Heritage Elementary – 5312 W. Mountain View Road (Between Olive and Peoria off 53 rd Avenue)			
	Ira Murphy Elementary – 7231 W. North Lane (South of Peoria on 72 nd Avenue)			
	Lake Pleasant Elementary – 31501 N. Westland Road (Vistancia Blvd, left on Lone Mtn Rd, right on Westland Road)			
	<u>Oasis Elementary</u> – 7841 W. Sweetwater Avenue (Between Cactus and Thunderbird on 78 th Avenue)			
	Parkridge Elementary – 9970 W. Beardsley Road (99 th Ave & Beardsley)			
	Peoria Elementary – 11501 N. 79 th Avenue (Between Cactus and Peoria on 79 th Avenue)			
	Pioneer Elementary/*must be 4 – 6315 W. Port au Prince Lane (South of Greenway on 63 rd Avenue)			
	Sky View Elementary – 8624 W. Sweetwater Avenue (North of Cactus on 87 th Avenue)			
	Sundance Elementary – 7051 W. Cholla Street (Between Cactus and Peoria on 71 st Avenue)			
	Vistancia Elementary – 30009 N. Sunrise Point (127 th Avenue East of Vistancia Blvd right on Whispering Ridge)			