

Helpful Resources

Birth to Three Services 1-800-322-2588

Screening & referrals for early intervention services for children 0-3 years

www.withinreach.org

Seattle Public Schools 206-252-0760

- Early Learning Dept. 206-252-0679
- Head Start 206-252-0960

www.seattleschools.org/EarlyLearn

Special Education

- Ages 3 to 5 (Child Find) 206-252-0805

childfind-specialedpreschool@seattleschools.org

City of Seattle 206-386-1050

Dept. of Education & Early Learning (DEEL):

- Seattle Preschool Program www.seattle.gov/applySPP
- ECEAP: www.seattle.gov/education
- Email: preschool@seattle.gov

Seattle Parks & Recreation 206-615-1276

www.seattle.gov/parks/find/childcare-and-preschool

Child Care Resources 1-800-446-1114

Free referrals for family and center-based childcare and preschool options based on your family's income, schedule, language and neighborhood.

www.findchildcarewa.org/



CONTACT US



Early Learning Department Teaching and Learning

206-252-0679

www.seattleschools.org/EarlyLearn



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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN SEATTLE

Early Education
Options for Children
Ages 3 to 5



www.seattleschools.org



SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Preschool Options

Seattle Preschool Program (SPP)

Seattle Public Schools is the largest provider of City-funded preschool. Taught by certificated teachers on school campuses, these preschools are open to all Seattle families with 3- and 4-year-olds.

SPP Plus

Inclusive SPP classes, with additional staffing to blend instruction for children with and without disabilities. **206-252-0679** or www.seattleschools.org/EarlyLearn

SPP & SPP Plus Program Features

- **Schedule:** 6-1/2 hours/day, M-F, with the same bell times as the school in which they are located
- **Tuition:** free for families with incomes up to 350% of the federal poverty level; sliding scale for higher incomes.
- **Transportation:** may be provided if indicated in IEP
- **To Apply:** Children with IEPs apply through their case manager; all others apply to City of Seattle at: **206-386-1050** or www.seattle.gov/applySPP

Developmental Preschool

A free 2-1/2 hour, 4-day per week program serving children with identified special needs, including vision, developmental, medical, and hearing disabilities. **206-252-0809** www.seattleschools.org/departments/special_education

Head Start

This free, federally funded child development program serves 3- and 4-year-olds M-F (6-1/2 hours) or for half-days (3-1/2 hours, 4 days/week) on a school year calendar. Priority is to families at or below the federal poverty level or children with special needs. Bus transportation and meals are offered. **206-252-0960**

Things to Think About



- **Age:** center-based early learning programs may serve children from infancy through age 12 together, while center-based programs often group children by age. Most preschools will serve children once they turn 3. A child who turns 5 by Aug. 31 is eligible for Kindergarten.
- **Schedule:** Half-day: 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours; School-day: 6-1/2 hours. How many days per week? Is before or afterschool care available? Offered school year only, or year-round?
- **Tuition:** flat rate or sliding scale? Based on child's age? Year-round or school year? Any subsidies or discounts?
- **Transportation:** In many preschool programs, families are responsible for transportation, although it may be included in IEPs for children with special needs. Head Start programs typically provide transportation.
- **Income eligibility requirements:** certain programs, like federally-funded Head Start or the WA-state Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) serve families with incomes below the federal poverty level (FPL). The Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) and SPP Plus charge tuition only for city residents with incomes over 350% of FPL.
- **"Inclusion" and Special Services:** In inclusive programs, children with and without disabilities are served together. Head Start, ECEAP and Seattle Preschool Program Plus (SPP Plus) classes use this model, reserving 10% or a certain number of slots for children who have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Developmental Preschool classrooms are designed primarily for children with IEPs and have a higher staff- to-child-ratio.
- **Families in unstable housing who need preschool assistance** can call
 - **Seattle Public Schools** **206-252-0660** or
 - **Child Care Resources** **206-329-5842**

CITY & COMMUNITY

Preschool Options

Seattle Preschool Program (SPP)

Striving to ensure that all families have access to high quality early education, the City of Seattle funds a network of early learning programs that includes many culturally- and community-based programs. Call **206. 233-5118** or email: preschool@seattle.gov. More information: www.seattle.gov/education
To apply for SPP: www.seattle.gov/applySPP

Community Based Organizations

partner with Seattle Public Schools elementary and K-8 schools to offer before & after school care to school age children, and preschool for 3 and 4-year olds. See a list of these aligned programs & contact information www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=12040980

Childcare Aware of Washington

Offers free assistance in locating family and center-based childcare and preschool options based on your family's schedule, income and neighborhood. **1-800-446-1114** or **206-329-5544** or visit: www.childcare.org or www.findchildcarewa.org/

Parent Help123 & Within Reach

These linked organizations provide telephone and online information about early learning, health and food benefits. Staff will assist callers with referrals & help in applying for resources. Bilingual assistance. **1-800-322-2588** or www.Parenthelp123.org

Washington State Head Start & ECEAP Association (WSA)

Advocacy & policy information; see list of Puget Sound area Head Start, Early Head Start & ECEAP programs under "Parents & Staff." **425-453-1227** or www.wsaheadstarteceap.com/