



**Seattle** Department of  
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# Seattle Preschool Program

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# Agenda

- ❖ Meet the panel: SPP staff
- ❖ What is the Seattle Preschool Program?
- ❖ Who is eligible?
- ❖ How do you apply?

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# What is the Seattle Preschool Program?

- ❖ The Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) offers high-quality, affordable preschool to children across the City of Seattle.
- ❖ Our goal is to: prepare children for school, enable students to achieve pre-academic skills, enable students to develop socially and emotionally and eliminate the readiness gap for participating children. SPP is supported by funding from the voter-approved Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy (FEPP).
- ❖ City wide, the SPP network currently has 83 locations with the majority in the south and central regions of Seattle.

# SPP Highlights

- ❖ SPP partners with Providers such as Seattle Public Schools, and community-based providers such as YMCA, Launch, and ReWA. Our network also includes Family Child Care centers for parents who prefer a home-based option.
- ❖ Some locations offer dual language programming (Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, and Vietnamese)
- ❖ Some of our Providers also serve ECEAP and Head Start and their classrooms are blended with SPP.
- ❖ SPP typically runs 6 hours a day, M-F, and flexible schedules such as 3 days a week, are not an option.
- ❖ Extended day is offered at many locations for parents who need care beyond the 6-hour preschool portion of the day (Child Care subsidy is accepted by the Provider as payment for this extra care.)
- ❖ SPP does not offer transportation. It is the parent/guardian responsibility to bring the child to school and pick up on time.
- ❖ Staff do not ask about immigration status.

# Eligibility Criteria

**Age:** Serves children ages 3 or 4 on or by August 31, of the program year. For example, if a parent is looking to apply for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, their child must be age 3 or 4 by 8/31/2021. *(Unfortunately, at this time, there is no flexibility around the eligibility age cut off date.)*

**Residency:** Open to all Seattle residents *only*. Unfortunately, those living in unincorporated Seattle, are not eligible. To confirm if an address is in true Seattle limits, the City has an address look up tool:

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/find-your-district-and-councilmembers>

When you type in the address, if a City Council member profile displays then the address is in city limits. If no City council is assigned, then the address is not eligible for SPP.

# SPP has a 3-step process

- ❖ **Apply**
- ❖ **Selection**
- ❖ **Enrollment**

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# Step 1: Apply

Applying to SPP does not guarantee placement in the program. However, vacancies are filled on a rolling basis through March 31 of the program year.

## Methods to apply:

### ❖ Paper:

Translated copies are available on our Parent Portal at [www.seattle.gov/applyspp](http://www.seattle.gov/applyspp) or by request at 206-386-1050 or [preschool@seattle.gov](mailto:preschool@seattle.gov)

### ❖ Phone:

Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) staff are available to complete the application over the phone with the parent. Language support is available upon request.

### ❖ Online:

[www.seattle.gov/applyspp](http://www.seattle.gov/applyspp)

- ▶ Parents can select as many or as few sites as they want on the application.
- ▶ The more sites selected, the greater the chance a seat will open for the child.
- ▶ Sites are not rank order however if a child gets an offer for a seat that is not the parents' top preference, they can move forward with enrollment while staying on the waitlists for all other sites they selected.
- ▶ For sites that have special programming such as Head Start and ECEAP, parents should contact the Provider directly.



# SPP Application

CHILD INFORMATION	
First Name:	Middle Name: Last Name:
Birth Date:	Race/Ethnicity (Required: Select all that apply)
Language child learned first:	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black, African or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino
Language spoken most at home:	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White
Gender Identity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Binary or other gender identity
If this child has a sibling attending an SPS school, list your youngest child's SPS student ID:	
Does the child meet any one of the following situations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No *Child is in foster care or lives with a non-parent who receives a state, tribal, or SSI payment on behalf of the child. *The family receives Child Protective Services (CPS), Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Services, or Family Assessment Response (FAR).	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Name:	Relationship to child:
Email Address:	Do you own/rent your own home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Phone 1: Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Land Line <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Home Address (if experiencing homelessness, your nighttime address)
Phone 2: Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Land Line <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Mailing Address (if different)
If cell, may we contact you via text with status updates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	City: Zip Code: City: Zip Code:
Preferred language for communication:	Household Size
How did you hear about SPP?	What is the total number of people living in the home and who are financially supported by the child's parent(s) or guardian(s)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine <input type="checkbox"/> Online Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook Ad <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers	Household Income
<input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Friend or Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool or School	Provide the annual gross income (before taxes) of the child's parent(s) or guardian(s). \$
<input type="checkbox"/> I have another child in the program <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Banners	#
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
<p>Personal information entered on this form is subject to Washington Public Records Act, and may be subject to disclosure to a third-party requestor. At the City of Seattle, we are committed to protecting your privacy and will ensure that any disclosures are done according to law. To learn more about how this information is managed please see our <a href="http://seattle.gov/tech/initiatives/privacy">Privacy Statement</a> [http://seattle.gov/tech/initiatives/privacy]</p> <p>If your child has been evaluated by the Seattle Public Schools' (the "District") Special Education Department already, the Seattle Preschool Program ("SPP") and the District will share information to identify SPP applicants who receive services. This helps the District and SPP plan for required services for your child in SPP. DEEL will share children's names and dates of birth with the District. The District's Special Education Department may contact you for planning purposes.</p>	
<p>By signing below, 1) I certify the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge; and 2) I understand I will need to provide additional documentation for enrollment if my child is selected for SPP; and 3) I have read the privacy statement; and 4) I agree that the District and SPP can share data to support my child's special education services; and 5) my contact information may be shared with preschool programs I'm interested in that do their own direct enrollment.</p>	
Do we have your consent to refer you to other early learning programs for which you may qualify? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	
Date: _____	

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ For program details, please see SPP 2021-22 – Application Instructions or visit [seattle.gov/applyspp](http://seattle.gov/applyspp)

Select all programs on this list that you want to apply for.

Example:  1 Beacon Hill Early Learning Center (ReWA)

Southeast Seattle	West Seattle	Magnolia to University District
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Beacon Hill Early Learning Center (ReWA)	<input type="checkbox"/> 32 Alki Community Center (ARC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thornton Creek Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 One Family Learning Center (WACC)	<input type="checkbox"/> 33 Delridge Community Center (Launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> Denise Louie - Magnuson Park
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Nurturing Hands Daycare	<input type="checkbox"/> 34 Southwest Early Learning Bilingual Preschool (SCCS)	<input type="checkbox"/> John Marshall Elementary (Creative Kids)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Boru Family Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 Louisa Boren STEM K-8 (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand Point Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 MLK Jr. Elementary, Head Start (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 36 RIFC Bilingual Preschool (SCCS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Daybreak Star Preschool (UIATF)
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 MLK Jr. Elementary (Seed of Life)	<input type="checkbox"/> 37 West Seattle Elementary (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> BF Day Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Loveable Nest Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 38 Roxhill at EC Hughes Elementary, Head Start (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hilltop at Queen Anne
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Wing Luke Elementary, Head Start (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 39 Rising Star Elementary (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Experimental Education Unit (UW)
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Rising Star Elementary (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 40 Hallows (YMCA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Tiny Tots Development Center, ECEAP	<input type="checkbox"/> 41 Highland Park Elementary (Launch)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 Jasmin Day Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 42 Highland Park Elementary (SPS)	<b>Broadview to Lake City</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Rainier Beach Community Center (Seed of Life)	<input type="checkbox"/> 43 Concord International Elementary (YMCA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Le Jardin Day Care And Preschool
<input type="checkbox"/> 13 South Shore PK-8 (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 44 Community School of West Seattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Hanan Family Daycare
<input type="checkbox"/> 14 Emerson Elementary, Head Start (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 Educare (PSESD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Park Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 M&M Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 46 Arbor Heights Elementary (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Broadview-Thomson K-8, Head Start (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 16 1st Start Learning Family Home Center		<input type="checkbox"/> Bitter Lake Community Center (ARC)
<b>Beacon Hill and Columbia City</b>	<b>Central Seattle</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Olympic hills Elementary (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 Wellspring Early Learning Center (WFS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 47 Miller Community Center Annex (Launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobyo One Childcare
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 Beacon Hill International Elementary (Launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> 48 Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake City Early Learning Center (ReWA)
<input type="checkbox"/> 19 Jose Marti Child Development Center (El Centro de la Raza)	<input type="checkbox"/> 49 Madrona K-8 School (Launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nasri Family Child Care
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Hoa Mai Vietnamese Bilingual Preschool (SCCS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 Bella's Creative Learning Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Northgate Elementary, Head Start (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 21 John Muir Elementary, Head Start (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 51 Causey's Learning Center - Main	<input type="checkbox"/> Pinehurst Preschool at Hazel Wolf K-8 (SCCS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 22 Denise Louie - Beacon Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> 52 First Place School	<input type="checkbox"/> Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center (Creative Kids)
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 Insha Allah Family Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> 53 Salmaan Family Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowbrook Community Center (ARC)
<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Refugee Women's Alliance Preschool - MLK	<input type="checkbox"/> 54 Chinook Early Learning (NW Center Kids)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pinehurst Preschool - Northgate Community Center (SCCS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 Genesee Early Learning Center (CHS)	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 Yesler Community Center (CISC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenwood Early Learning (NW Center Kids)
<input type="checkbox"/> 26 Iman Family Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> 56 Bailey Gatzert Elementary (SPS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cascadia Elementary, Head Start (SPS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 27 Rainier Community Center (Launch)	<input type="checkbox"/> 57 Denise Louie - International District	
<input type="checkbox"/> 28 Seed of Life Preschool	<input type="checkbox"/> 58 A4 Apple Home Daycare	
<input type="checkbox"/> 29 Aster Blossom Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/> 59 Life Academy Childcare Center	
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Primm ABC Child Care Center, ECEAP		
<input type="checkbox"/> 31 Dearborn Park Elementary (SPS)		

## Step 2: Selection

The Seattle Preschool Selection process takes into consideration various factors. Eligible preschoolers will be selected through a random selection process that utilizes the following criteria:

- ❖ **Homeless and Foster Care:** Children from families experiencing homelessness and in foster care will receive priority placement.
- ❖ **Child's age:** Children who are age 4 on or before August 31, 2021 will receive priority over children who are age 3.
- ❖ **Home address:** If you select a site that is in the same Seattle Public Schools elementary or middle school attendance zone as your home address, you will receive priority for that site over children living in other parts of the city.
- ❖ **Siblings:** Additional preference is given to children with siblings either enrolled/attending SPP at the same time or attending Seattle Public Schools in the same building
- ❖ **Heritage language:** Three-year-olds who speak a heritage language with a household income below 350% of the federal poverty level will receive priority over other three-year-olds.
- ❖ **Low-Income:** Three-year-olds with a household income below 200% of the federal poverty level will receive priority over other three-year-olds.

# Waitlist

- ▶ Vacancies are filled on a rolling basis through March 31 of the program year.
- ▶ If a child is placed at a site that is not the parent's top pick, the parent may choose to enroll while keeping their child on the waitlist for all sites on their application.

**Children are placed in order of the program priorities for each preschool on their application.**

- ▶ Children experiencing homelessness or in foster care will be placed first
- ▶ 4-year-olds will be placed over 3-year-olds
- ▶ Children who live in the elementary or middle school zones for a preschool will get priority over students who live outside of those boundaries (To determine your neighborhood school, visit [Seattle Public Schools' address lookup tool](#).)
- ▶ Three-year-olds who do not live in the attendance zone of a school will get priority if their household FPL is below 350% or they speak a heritage language.

# Step 3: Enrollment

- ▶ If a seat becomes available for a child, SPP staff will reach out to parents directly via phone and email.
- ▶ Staff will discuss the placement and provide information on the next step in completing enrollment
- ▶ Enrollment can be completed online or by paper and consists of:
  1. Enrollment Information (Child, Household, Demographic Info and Consent)
  2. Proof of Child's Age
  3. Proof of Seattle Residency
  4. Proof of Income

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# Tuition

- ❖ SPP tuition is free for any family under 350% FPL (and is on a sliding scale for those above)
- ❖ SPP collects income for all families to demonstrate if parent will or will not owe tuition.
- ❖ Tuition covers the 6-hour curriculum portion of the preschool day
- ❖ For sites that offer before and after care, the cost is separate from any SPP tuition and is paid directly to Provider. All SPP Providers accept DCYF Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) subsidy, City of Seattle Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and Private/Out of Pocket payment.

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HH Size => Gross Income	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$60,000	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$65,000	\$1,375	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$70,000	\$2,125	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$75,000	\$3,250	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$80,000	\$4,000	\$1,375	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$85,000	\$4,750	\$1,750	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$90,000	\$5,500	\$2,500	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$95,000	\$6,250	\$3,250	\$1,000	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$100,000	\$7,375	\$4,000	\$1,750	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$105,000	\$8,125	\$4,375	\$2,125	Free	Free	Free	Free
\$110,000	\$8,875	\$5,125	\$2,500	\$1,000	Free	Free	Free
\$115,000	\$9,625	\$5,875	\$3,250	\$1,375	Free	Free	Free
\$120,000	\$10,375	\$6,625	\$3,625	\$1,750	Free	Free	Free
\$125,000	\$11,500	\$7,000	\$4,375	\$2,125	\$1,000	Free	Free
\$130,000	\$11,875	\$7,750	\$4,750	\$2,875	\$1,375	Free	Free
\$135,000	\$11,875	\$8,500	\$5,500	\$3,250	\$1,750	Free	Free
\$140,000	\$11,875	\$9,250	\$5,875	\$3,625	\$2,125	Free	Free
\$145,000	\$11,875	\$9,625	\$6,625	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	Free
\$150,000	\$11,875	\$10,375	\$7,000	\$4,750	\$2,875	\$1,375	Free
\$155,000	\$11,875	\$11,125	\$7,375	\$5,125	\$3,250	\$1,750	Free
\$160,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$8,125	\$5,500	\$3,625	\$2,125	\$1,000
\$165,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$8,500	\$5,875	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$1,375
\$170,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,250	\$6,625	\$4,375	\$2,875	\$1,750
\$175,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,625	\$7,000	\$4,750	\$3,250	\$2,125
\$180,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,375	\$7,375	\$5,125	\$3,625	\$2,500
\$185,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,750	\$7,750	\$5,500	\$4,000	\$2,500
\$190,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,500	\$8,500	\$6,250	\$4,375	\$2,875
\$195,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$8,875	\$6,625	\$4,750	\$3,250
\$200,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,250	\$7,000	\$5,125	\$3,625
\$205,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,625	\$7,375	\$5,500	\$4,000
\$210,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,375	\$7,750	\$5,875	\$4,375
\$215,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,750	\$8,125	\$6,250	\$4,750
\$220,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,125	\$8,500	\$6,625	\$4,750
\$225,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,500	\$8,875	\$7,000	\$5,125
\$230,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,250	\$7,375	\$5,500
\$235,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,625	\$7,750	\$5,875
\$240,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,000	\$8,125	\$6,250
\$245,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,375	\$8,500	\$6,625
\$250,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,125	\$8,500	\$7,000
\$255,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,500	\$8,875	\$7,000
\$260,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,250	\$7,375
\$265,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$9,625	\$7,750
\$270,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,000	\$8,125
\$275,000	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$11,875	\$10,375	\$8,500

\*These are estimates only; final tuition amount will be determined by the Seattle Preschool Program.





# Partnership with SPS and Early Learning Special Education Department

- ❖ All SPP locations are inclusive and welcome children with a range of developmental needs. We work closely in partnership with SPS Special Education Department, so children receive services wherever they are in our network.
- ❖ SPP collaborates closely with Seattle Public Schools to deliver the specialized instruction or other services required by the child's IEP.
- ❖ To learn about resources and supports provided by Seattle Public Schools for children with IEPs enrolled at an SPP site at Seattle Public Schools, families are referred to the SPS Early Learning Department at (206) 252-0600 or email at [preschool@seattleschools.org](mailto:preschool@seattleschools.org). For children with IEPs who are enrolled at a community-based organization through SPP, parents/guardians are encouraged to be in communication with their special education case manager for any modifications to, or questions about the child's IEP.

# Additional Questions?

Please type your question in the chat box.

# Thank you!

- ❖ If you need assistance, please call or email SPP:

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- ❖ To learn more about SPP and our providers or to apply please visit [Seattle.gov/applyspp](https://seattle.gov/applyspp)
- ❖ Interpreter Services available upon request