Questions to think about as you consider options for your child

- Is there a daily plan to guide learning? Does the schedule include an appropriate amount of play time, rest time, learning activities?
- How many children will be in the classroom?
- Are additional adults available to help in the classroom?
- What are the opportunities for family involvement?
- · How does the outdoor play environment support physical development?
- Are children expected to sit at tables or desks? For how long?
- Has your child experienced play groups and/or separation from parents for extended time?
- Does your child communicate personal needs like using the restroom?
- How do the teachers support the child's home language?

· How is children's play integrated into daily learning activities?

 Are teachers and children engaged in conversations?

• Do the children appear to enjoy the learning?

 Does the classroom include learning focuses, i.e., early literacy, math, etc.?

Things families should keep in mind:

- Cost of program or eligibility
- Parent and child expectations
- Before and after school care
- Lenath of day
- Hours/months of operation
- Student support services
- Readiness of your child
- Transportation
- Meals







QUESTIONS?

Contact Siskiyou County Local Child Care Planning Council cscottesiskiyoucoe.net



Parents of 4-year-olds are being given a unique range of educational options for their children in California.

Attending a high-quality early education program prepares children to develop critical social-emotional, cognitive, and early academic skills to be ready for kindergarten and beyond. Finding the best option for your child takes time and research. You know your child best.

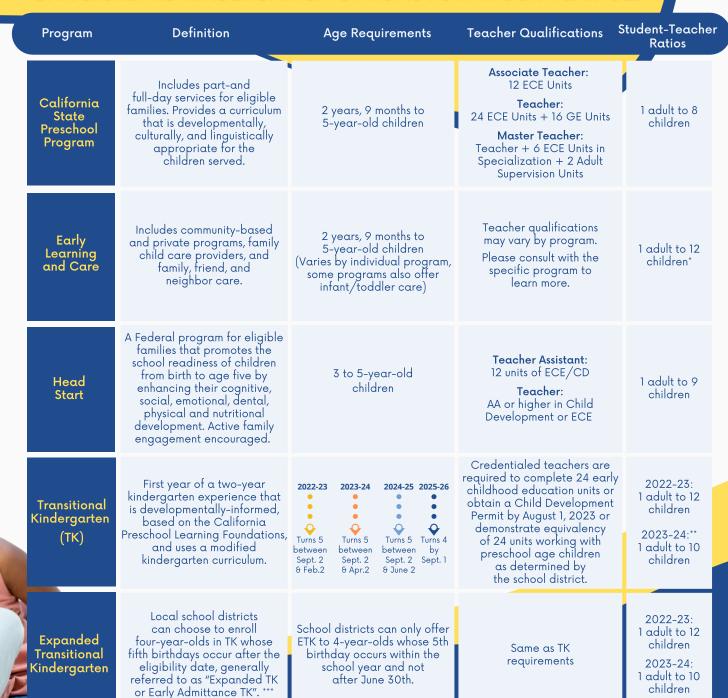


UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS FOR A FOUR-YEAR-OLD

High quality programs
create early learning
experiences, environments,
and relationships that
support children's growth
and development.

High Quality Early Learning Experiences:

- Fulfills child's curiosity; positively impacts academic performance.
- Provides discipline and structure balanced with fun.
- Builds child's desire to learn.
- Provides opportunities for physical activity.
- Builds social and emotional development by increasing positive behavior, self-worth, and confidence.



*For preschool age children

^{**}The 1:10 ratio will be in effect as funding becomes available

^{***} It is at the school district's discretion to admit students outside of the yearly TK eligibility birthday window.