

About Applying for the Seattle Preschool Program

The Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) conducted a process to select preschools to provide high-quality classrooms for children for Year 1 of the [Seattle Preschool Program \(SPP\)](#). Mayor Ed Murray announced these providers on July 6, 2015, and the Seattle School District Board of Directors added three additional classrooms on August 19.

Seattle Preschool Program Classrooms for the 2015-16 School Year

Preschool Program	Number of Classrooms*	Number of Children Served
Sound Child Care Solutions - Little Eagles	2	36
Sound Child Care Solutions - Hoa Mai	2	32
Community Day Care Association (CDSA) - Beacon Hill	1	20
CDSA - Hawthorne	1	20
CDSA - Highland Park	1	20
CDSA - Leschi	1	20
CDSA - Maple	1	20
Causey's Learning Center – Main Site	1	20
Causey's Learning Center at Dearborn Park	1	20
Creative Kids	1	20
Seattle Public Schools (SPS) - Bailey Gatzert Elementary	1	20
SPS - Van Asselt Elementary	1	20
SPS - Original Van Asselt Elementary	1	20
TOTAL	15	288

Student application and enrollment process

Applications are now being accepted for SPP. Here are a few things to keep in mind about Year 1:

- There will be only 15 classrooms so enrollment will be limited.
- For this year only, selected preschool programs were allowed to keep any children who were already enrolled in their classrooms *before* they became part of SPP.

Who can apply?

Families of children who live in the City of Seattle and

- Are 4-year-olds by August 31 (regardless of household income).
- Are 3-year-olds by August 31 and from households that meet SPP's Income Guidelines (see table below).

How will students be selected?

We have received more applications than there are openings, so the City will give priority to:

- 4-year-olds over 3-year-olds.
- 4-year-olds who have a brother or sister who is also enrolled in the preschool program.
- Families who live in the neighborhood surrounding one of the preschool programs.

SPP application process

- Fill out the application completely.
- Applications will be accepted throughout the year and eligible families place on a waitlist.

Timeline

July 6, 2015	Round 1 of the application process began.
August 10, 2015	Round 1 closed.
August 21, 2015	Notification of families began. Round 2 of the application process launched.
August 25, 2015	Enrollment packets mailed to selected applicants.
September 7, 2015	Completed SPP application for Round 2 due by the end of the day. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email your completed application to: SPPapplication@seattle.gov.• Or mail it to: Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning Community Outreach Manager 700 5th Avenue, Suite 1700 P.O. Box 94665 Seattle, WA 98124-6965
September 14, 2015	Families selected in Round 2 notified
September 18, 2015	Round 2 enrollment packets mailed
September 28, 2015	Completed enrollment papers due
IMPORTANT:	If you completed an application for Round 1 but were not selected, you do not have to complete another form. We will automatically consider your application in Round 2.

SPP income guidelines

SPP uses income guidelines set by the federal government to determine how much families have to pay for their children to attend an SPP preschool, or if their 3-year-old children are eligible. Those guidelines are based on the number of people in the household and the household income.

2015 Household Size and 300% of SPP Income Guidelines

People in Household	Money Earned Per Year	Money Earned Per Month
1	\$35,310	\$2,942
2	\$47,790	\$3,982
3	\$60,270	\$5,022
4	\$72,750	\$6,062
5	\$85,230	\$7,102
6	\$97,710	\$8,142
7	\$110,190	\$9,182
8	\$122,670	\$10,222

Please see the SPP application for definitions of "household size" and "household income."

All children who turn 4 years old by August 31, 2015 are eligible for SPP, but the amount their families will have to pay for preschool will depend on the household income. If your household earns *less* per year or per month than the amounts listed above, you can apply for your child to take part in SPP if the child will be 3 years old before August 31, 2015.

Tuition – How much you will pay for your child to attend an SPP preschool

If your child is selected for SPP and...

- **Your family earns *less*** than the amount listed above for the number of people in your household, there will be no cost to you for your child to participate in SPP.
- **Your household earns *more*** than the amounts listed above for your household size, you will have to pay for your child to attend preschool and the amount will be based on your household size and income.

The maximum a family will have to pay for 5 days a week of preschool, 6 hours per day for 180 days is \$10,173 per year.

If your family has to pay more than \$100 per year for SPP, you may choose to pay for preschool monthly. Otherwise, you can choose to be billed for preschool every three months or once per year. Currently, we are still working on how payments will be collected and processed.

If you choose to have your child receive care before and after school or during the summer months, you will have to pay separately for those costs. For more information, see our explanation [here](#).

For more details about SPP enrollment and selection standards, please read [pages 26-32 in the SPP Program Plan](#).

For more information about applying for SPP, contact the Department of Education and Early Learning at preschool@seattle.gov or call (206) 684-3942.