



FREE PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE 3- or 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN IN LAS CRUCES

Our program accepts enrollees from age eligible and Title 1 schools within the Las Cruces Public School district. Exceptions can be made with approval of NM ECECD.

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00- 3:00

July 27, 2026 to June 15, 2027

575-222-4720

PreK ensures that every child in New Mexico has the opportunity to attend a high-quality, early childhood education program before entering kindergarten. The purpose of New Mexico PreK is to:

- Increase access to voluntary high-quality pre-kindergarten programs
- Provide developmentally appropriate activities for New Mexico children
- Expand access to early childhood programs across New Mexico
- Support linguistically and culturally appropriate curriculum and
- Develop school readiness in those served

PreK teachers carefully plan indoor and outdoor activities based on what children are required to learn in the following areas:

- Literacy and Phonics
- Concepts of Science
- Numeracy--Counting, shapes, sorting, measuring
- Physical Development and Health
- Aesthetic Creativity
- Self, Family & Community
- Approaches to Learning

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Family engagement is an essential component of our PreK Programs. Our PreK programs support families/parents as their child's first and most important teacher. We have a Family/Parent Involvement program which includes 90 hours of family participation throughout the year. Families are invited to participate in all events.

MEALS

At no cost to families, children are served nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack. Mealtime is a perfect learning opportunity, and teachers use this time to teach skills and reinforce healthy eating habits.

HEALTH SCREENINGS/ DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Each child in the PreK program **must** receive the following health screenings by a school health care professional before the beginning of the program or within the first 30 days of attendance:

- ✓ physical examination--includes vision, dental, hearing
- ✓ current immunization

Additional screenings, (ASQ and Reflection Science Assessments) will be completed at our facility at no cost to families. Your family doctor must complete dental, vision, and hearing within 30 days.

The Village is a five-star program that focuses on child development, growth, and learning to provide the greatest opportunity for success in kindergarten and later school years. Our Frog Street curriculum utilizes a multi-sensory approach to learning incorporating a comprehensive array of integrative movement activities and special programs which support NM PreK Early Learning Outcomes. We support the full participation of every child through curriculum components that address dual language learners while exposing the children to sign language and various cultures from around the world. The curriculum is theme-based, with emphasis on learning through play and the development of positive social relationships, which leads to the development of academic skills. Attendance and family participation is important.

PROGRAM START AND END DATES: July 27, 2026-June 15, 2027. It is a year-round program. Program times are Monday through Friday - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Children must have reached their 3rd or 4th birthday before 12:01 am September 1 of the current year.

REQUIRED: Parent participation in student activities/projects; parent meetings before the start of school; parent-teacher conferences three times a year; physical exam/screenings within 30 days of start date and adherence to attendance guidelines.

THE VILLAGE KIDS CLUB: A before/after-hour care program is available Monday - Friday (7:30 am - 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm) for those who need extended hours. Kids Club Camps (7:30 am to 5:30 pm) can be available for working families when Las Cruces Public Schools have non-attendance days and/or weeks. (Availability of Camps is dependent on enrollment for those camps.)

The Universal Childcare program through ECECD will cover costs for before/after care and camps. Universal Childcare is available to parents who are actively involved in activities such as work or school. Parents who do not meet these criteria are not eligible for Universal Childcare although ECECD can make exceptions. If a family is not eligible for Universal Childcare, private pay is an option. Private pay monthly rate for Kids Club (7:30 am to 8 am and 3 to 5:30 pm) is \$843.75 plus tax. Camps are an additional charge of \$75.00 per day plus tax. CAMP days are available for parent-teacher conferences, Fall Break, M.L. King Day, President's Day, and Spring Break (specific dates are provided on the Kid Club/CAMPS calendar). When families get an appointment with the caseworker, make sure to ask for holidays and parent-teacher conferences so those days will be covered. The extra days will appear on the contract which is sent to Gym Magic Foundation. If you get a contract but do not qualify for holidays or conference days, private pay is available.

ENROLLMENT PRIORITIES

1. Age
2. Children who reside in Title I school districts. (Check the LCPS website.)
3. Children who would not have an opportunity to attend a high-quality preschool.

WAITING LIST

Once capacity has been reached, children will be placed on a waiting list. As a spot opens, children will be chosen using the above criteria based on the enrollment application date.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Parents must agree to a 85% attendance rate. Excused absences must have written doctor's excuse. Ten days of unexcused absences = warning. Twenty days of unexcused absences = 2nd warning. Additional days could result in dismissal from the program. Late arrivals/early dismissals count as absences.

REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT

- Documents to confirm date of birth
- 2 Immunization records signed by physician or religious/medical exemptions
- 2 Proof of residency (current utility bills, mortgage commitment on existing residence only)
- Custody papers if applicable
- IEP copy if applicable
- Wellness Check and vision, dental, and hearing screenings within 30 days of enrollment
- Income Eligibility Application
- Signed permission for screening: ASQ screenings

STEP 1: Complete pre-registration form (February-March)

STEP 2: Interview with PreK staff & finalize enrollment (March-May)

STEP 3: Meet with prospective teachers (July)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM 2026-2027

<i>Date Received:</i>	<i>GMF Initials:</i>	PreK	Early P	Mixed Age
<i>Age Eligible</i>	<i>Birth Certificate</i>	<i>Passport</i>	<i>ASQ:3</i>	
<i>Title I school</i>			<i>ASQ: SE</i>	

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION—Please Print

AGE: Years _____ Months _____ Date of birth: _____

EMAIL: _____ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child's Name: _____ Male Female
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

CONTACT INFORMATION: NAME(S) OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S):

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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PART 2: PRIOR CARE EXPERIENCE--Where did your child spend the most time in the last 12 months? Please check all that apply.

- Home care Head Start Pre-Kindergarten Childcare Center Family Childcare
 Preschool special education program Parents Other _____

PART 3: HEALTH INFORMATION--Please check the items below that apply to your child

- Delayed speech/language Hearing problems Vision problems Occupational therapy
 Concerns about child's development: Asthma Attention span Use of medication

Please list any other therapy child is receiving: _____

Please list health problems: _____

Please list physical limitations: _____

Please list allergies (including food): _____

Please list regular medications (prescribed and over the counter): _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____