

CSPP FAQs

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How are children admitted to CSPP based on CDE Admission Priorities and the Centralized Eligibility List (CEL)?

Order of Priority:

- **First Priority:** 3- and 4-year-old children who are recipients of child protective services, or who have been determined to be neglected, abused, or exploited or at risk thereof.
- **Second Priority:** age-eligible 4-year-old children, not enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten (TK), with income considered according to the most recent Income Ceilings at the time of enrollment, in the following order:
 - Eligible children who were enrolled in CSPP as a three-year old
 - Children whose families have the lowest income ranking
 - When two or more families have the same income ranking, the child with appropriately documented exceptional needs shall be admitted first
 - If there are no families with children with exceptional needs, the family that has been on the waiting list for the longest time shall be admitted first
- **Third Priority:** Age-eligible 3-year-old children, with income considered according to the most recent Income Ceilings at the time of enrollment, in the following order:
 - Children whose families have the lowest income ranking
 - When two or more families have the same income ranking, the child with appropriately documented exceptional needs shall be admitted first
 - If there are no families with children with exceptional needs, the family that has been on the waiting list for the longest time shall be admitted first

If space is available after all eligible children listed above are enrolled, the following children may be enrolled in this order:

- Age eligible 3- and 4-year-olds from families whose income is no more than 15% above the Income Ceiling thresholds (limited to 10% of all enrolled children)
- Age eligible 3- and 4-year-olds with exceptional needs regardless of a family's income, with age-eligible 4-year-olds having priority over of age-eligible 3-year-olds in this group

All families admitted to the CSPP submit a CEL application that collects information on family size and income, producing a list that automatically ranks families in priority order according to CDE requirements as stated above. The CEL is not first-come, first-served wait list, rather, a list that is continually sorted and ranked accordingly as families apply.

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Does my child qualify for CSPP based on my family's income?

State Preschool 2021-2022 Income Ceilings - Child Care and Development Programs

Family Size	Family Monthly Income	Family Yearly Income
1-2	\$5,889	\$70,665
3	\$6,511	\$78,135
4	\$7,441	\$89,297
5	\$8,632	\$103,584
6	\$9,823	\$117,872
7	\$10,046	\$120,550
8	\$10,269	\$123,230
9	\$10,492	\$125,909
10	\$10,716	\$128,587
11	\$10,939	\$131,266
12	\$11,162	\$133,946

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How Old Must My Child Be to Attend?

Age Eligibility

CSPP Age Eligibility for the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 school year:

- Children who are 4 years old
- Children who are 3 years old
- Children who will turn 3 by December 1st may be enrolled in CSPP on or after the start of the new program year, July 1st
- Children who turn 3 on or after December 2nd may be enrolled in CSPP on or after their 3rd birthday
- children who turn 5 between September 2nd and February 2nd of the current program year may enroll in Transitional Kindergarten or enroll/remain in CSPP

Age Definitions—for the purposes of eligibility, definitions apply to program year (July 1—June 30):

- 4-year-olds—child turns 4 years old on or before December 1st of the current year of enrollment
- 3-year-olds—child turns 3 years old on or before December 1st of the current year of enrollment
 - This means that a child is considered 3 as of July 1st so long as they will turn 3 on or before December 1st
 - Children who turn 3 on or after December 2 of the program year starting July 1st must wait to be enrolled on or after their 3rd birthday

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