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Proposed Preschool Fee Schedule - 2024-25

March 14, 2024





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Alignment to SP 2027

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Goal Area 1 - Instruction

- Effective and consistent instructional practices that meet the needs of all students

Goal Area 5 - Resources

- Equitable distribution of resources that support student success



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Background

Universal PreKindergarten

- UPK includes the following programs in MVWSD:
 - Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
 - California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- On February 8th the Board accepted the staff recommendation for preschool in 2024-25 and to bring back a sliding scale for fees associated with full day preschool and aftercare
- Staff has created an option for consideration by the Board of Trustees



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2024-25 Preschool Programming

2024-25: Preschool Program

LM1 AM/PM (Inclusion)	LM2 AM/PM	LM3FD	TH3FD	TH23FD	TH24FD	TH25 AM/PM (Co-taught)
16	16	20	20	20	20	16
16	16	After School Care 3-5pm		After School Care 3-5pm		16

Facilities: 7 classrooms - 4 full day (8am - 3pm) and 3 part day (3 hours per session), 2 classrooms with after school care (3pm - 5pm) with priority for staff

Potential Enrollment: 164

CSPP contract Maximum Reimbursable Amount: **\$2,076,710**

- Total anticipated amount of CSPP contract earned based on **Hold Harmless: \$1,715,470**
- Total anticipated amount contract earned if based on enrollment: **\$1,673,122.50**
- Total Anticipated cost to provide free program to staff (8am - 5pm) **\$95,000**
- Additional anticipated non-staff expenses: **\$75,000**
- Anticipated staffing costs: **\$2,301,973**
- Anticipated total program costs: **\$2,376,973**
- Total anticipated tuition revenue from fees: **\$315,000**
- District contribution estimated - **\$475,000**



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Local Preschool Tuition Rates

Local Preschool Tuition Rates

Program Name	Full-Day + After-School Rate	Full-Day + After-School Hours	Full-Day Rate	Full-Day Hours
Action Day	\$1,991/month	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	NA	NA
Children's Learning Cottage	\$2,080/month	8:30 am - 5:30 pm	NA	NA
Hobbledehoy	\$1,850	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	\$1,650/month	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Little Prodigy	\$1,900	8:30 am - 5:15 pm	NA	NA
Mountain View Kinder Care	\$610/week \$2440/month	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	NA	NA
MVLA Montessori Children's Center	\$1,850/month	8:30 am - 5:00 pm	\$1,675/month	8:30 am - 3:00 pm
St. Paul Lutheran CDC	\$1,900	7:45 am - 5:15 pm	NA	NA
Tiny Einstein	\$2,695/month	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	NA	NA
Windsor Preschool	\$3,487/month	8:30 am - 5:30 pm	NA	NA



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Preschool Program and Eligibility

Preschool Eligibility

MVWSD is funded for a part-day/part-year California State Preschool Program (CSPP - 3 hours a day/175 days per year)

- Enrollment qualification is income based except for families residing in the Castro neighborhood, students with Individualized Education Programs (IEP), children in Child Protective Services, and families experiencing homelessness or current aid recipients
 - Castro Neighborhood families qualify for “free-part-day preschool” for all 3 and 4 year olds

Preschool Eligibility

- MVWSD offers an extended day program (8:00 am - 3:00 pm) for part-day state preschool eligible families at a reduced rate as well as some full fee spaces for families that do not meet income eligibility requirements
- Families that want extended day pay a fee as the state preschool contract is only for a half day program
- In 2024-25 MVWSD will offer Aftercare (3pm - 5pm) for up to 40 families (1 class at Latham and 1 and Theuerkauf)

Preschool Eligibility

Income eligibility is based on gross monthly income and family size

- The California Department of Education (CDE) provides a document with income thresholds to use to determine eligibility for preschool
- CSPP income eligibility thresholds are based on a legislated percentage of the State Median Income (SMI)
- Income eligibility criteria can change from year to year
- Adjustments to SMI and eligibility percentages will allow more families qualify for CSPP with higher incomes



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2023-24 Fee Schedule

Current Fee Schedule - Full Day

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Monthly Tuition
CSPP Eligible Gross Income Ceilings Monthly (Yearly)	\$2,929 (\$35,150)	\$3,296 (\$39,550)	\$3,658 (\$43,900)	\$3,954 (\$47,450)	\$4,246 (\$50,950)	\$4,538 (\$54,450)	\$4,829 (\$57,950)	\$300
	\$4,879 (\$58,550)	\$5,488 (\$65,850)	\$6,513 (\$73,150)	\$6,588 (\$79,050)	\$7,075 (\$84,900)	\$7,563 (\$90,750)	\$8,050 (\$96,600)	\$400
	\$4,880+ (\$58,551+)	\$5,489+ (\$65,850+)	\$6,514+ (\$73,151+)	\$6,589+ (\$79,051+)	\$7,076+ (\$84,901+)	\$7,564+ (\$90,751+)	\$8,051+ (\$96,601+)	\$500

Non-CSPP Eligible Gross Income Ceilings Monthly (Yearly)	\$6,929 (\$83,150)	\$7,796 (\$93,550)	\$8,658 (\$103,900)	\$9,354 (\$112,250)	\$10,046 (\$120,550)	\$10,738 (\$128,850)	\$11,429 (\$137,150)	\$950 *Tuition for MVWSD Employees
	\$8,758 (\$105,100)	\$7,796 (\$93,550)	\$10,950 (\$131,400)	\$11,825 (\$141,900)	\$12,700 (\$152,400)	\$13,579 (\$162,950)	\$14,454 (\$173,450)	\$1,050
	\$10,513 (\$126,150)	\$9,854 (\$118,250)	\$13,142 (\$157,700)	\$14,192 (\$170,300)	\$15,246 (\$182,950)	\$16,296 (\$195,550)	\$17,346 (\$208,150)	\$1,150
	\$10,514+ (\$126,151+)	\$9,855+ (\$118,250+)	\$13,143+ (\$157,701+)	\$14,193+ (\$170,300+)	\$15,246+ (\$182,950+)	\$16,297+ (\$195,550+)	\$17,347+ (\$208,150+)	\$1,250

Current Fee Schedule - Full Day

- Families/staff who are eligible for part-day, state preschool based on their income receive part of the day for free and pay between \$300 - \$500 per month for the extended portion of the day
- Families/staff that are not eligible for part-day, state preschool based on their income pay below market rates for preschool
 - Staff pay a flat fee of \$950 per month
 - Non-eligible CSPP families pay between \$950 - \$1250 per month
- Sibling discount is \$250/yr (\$25/mo) for one child
- The District's current fee schedule is outdated and does not reflect the changes made in recent years to CSPP Thresholds and State Median Income (SMI)



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Proposed Fee Schedule 2024-25

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

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- Fee Schedule is based on current CSPP Thresholds and State Median Income (SMI)
- State preschool eligible families pay less than in 2023-24 for extended day and higher income families pay more based on sliding scale
- Sibling discount \$100/mo for one child (community) OR 50% off for one child (for staff)
- Separate schedules are included for staff and families with special circumstances

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

Extended Day 8 am - 3 pm	Family Size 1 or 2	Family Size 3	Family Size 4	Family Size 5	Family Size 6	Family Size 7	Family Size 8	Monthly Tuition for Extended Day 8am - 3pm	Monthly Tuition for After-School Care 8am - 5pm	Total for Extended Day & After-School Care
Below 75% SMI	Less than \$5,406	Less than \$6,115	Less than \$7,081	Less than \$8,214	Less than \$9,347	Less than \$9,559	Less than \$9,771	\$200	\$50	\$250
75% - 115% SMI	\$8,291	\$9,377	\$10,857	\$12,594	\$14,331	\$14,657	\$14,983	\$300	\$50	\$350
116% - 155% SMI	\$11,175	\$12,638	\$14,634	\$16,975	\$19,316	\$19,755	\$20,194	\$1,100	\$200	\$1,300
156% - 195% SMI	\$14,059	\$15,900	\$18,410	\$21,356	\$24,301	\$24,853	\$25,406	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,500
196% = SMI	Over \$14,509	Over \$15,900	Over \$18,410	Over \$21,356	Over \$24,301	Over \$24,853	Over \$25,406	\$1,400	\$250	\$1,650

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

- CSPP-eligible families receive half day of free preschool paid for by our State Preschool Contract and pay between \$200 - \$350 per month for the extended day portion and aftercare.
 - Fees are at least \$100 per month less than those in 2023-24
- Non-CSPP-eligible families will pay a fee for the entire day of preschool based on income.
 - Example: A family of 4 with a gross monthly income of \$11,500 per month pays \$1,100/month for tuition (8am - 3pm) or \$1,300/month tuition for extended day and after care (8 am - 5 pm)

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

2024-25 Special Circumstances

- Fee Schedule for families who are CSPP eligible because they live in the Castro Neighborhood or have a student with an IEP) but are considered “over income”
 - Gross monthly income exceeds eligibility thresholds for state preschool

Income Level	Extended Day 8:00am - 3:00pm	Extended Day + After-school Care 8:00am - 5:00pm
116% - 155% SMI	\$450	\$650
156% - 195% SMI	\$600	\$850
196% = SMI	\$750	\$1,000

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

2024-25 Special Circumstances

CSPP-eligible families who live in the Castro neighborhood or have a student with an IEP receive half day of free preschool paid for by our State Preschool Contract and pay for the extended day portion

- Example: A family of 4 with a gross monthly income of \$15,000/month pays \$600/month for extended day tuition or \$850/month for extended day tuition with after care (8am - 5pm)

Proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule

2024-25 Proposed Staff Fee Schedule

- At the February 8th board meeting, Trustees were not unanimous in their expectations regarding staff paying for preschool
- Currently all staff enrolled in the extended day preschool program pay a fee depending on their income
 - Staff that qualify for free, part day state preschool pay between \$300 - \$500 per month for the extended day
 - Staff that does not qualify pays a flat rate of \$950 per month for preschool from 8am to 3pm.
- Staff has created a proposed Tuition Fee Schedule for 2024-25 for staff pending direction which decreases rates for staff as compared to 2023-24.

Proposed Staff Fee Schedule

Extended Day 8 am - 3 pm	Family Size 1 or 2	Family Size 3	Family Size 4	Family Size 5	Family Size 6	Family Size 7	Family Size 8	Monthly Tuition for Extended Day 8am - 3pm	Monthly Tuition for After- School Care 3pm - 5pm	Total for Extended Day & After- School Care
Staff Below 75% SMI	Less than \$5,406	Less than \$6,115	Less than \$7,081	Less than \$8,214	Less than \$9,347	Less than \$9,559	Less than \$9,771	\$200	\$50	\$250
Staff 75% - 115% SMI	\$8,291	\$9,377	\$10,857	\$12,594	\$14,331	\$14,657	\$14,983	\$300	\$50	\$350
MVWSD Staff (over 115% SMI-not CSPP eligible)								\$800	\$200	\$1,000

2024-25 Proposed Staff Fee Schedule

- Staff that qualify for free part day preschool would pay \$200-300 per month for extended day and \$250- \$350 for extended day plus after care based on their income
- Staff that do not qualify for free part day preschool would pay \$800 per month for preschool from 8:00 am to 3pm and \$1,000 per month for preschool with aftercare (8:00 am to 5pm).

2024-25 Proposed Fee Schedule

Benefits

- Fees for extended day and after-school care are on a sliding scale based on updated income thresholds.
- Decreased tuition for CSPP-eligible families from 2023-24 for extended day with a nominal fee for after-school
- Decreased tuition fees for non CSPP eligible staff from 2023-24 for extended day with a nominal fee for after care
15 spaces for non-CSPP eligible staff (10) and community members (5) for full-day w/after-school care
- Includes 25 spaces for CSPP-eligible families for full-day w/after-school care
- All rates are below local market rate for private early care and education
- Proposed increase to sibling discount for everyone

Challenges

- Increased tuition for higher income families (still below local market rate)
- Estimated Impact to General Fund \$410,000
- Estimated Impact to General Fund with subsidized preschool for up to 10 staff members:
\$510,000



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Considerations

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- Preschool funding is complex and is based on a variety of factors that are not easily predicted including income, enrollment and attendance
- All expenditures are estimated and could increase
- Preschool eligibility is also complex and based on a variety of factors (income, family size, IEP status etc)
- Demand for full day preschool and aftercare may change based on the expansion of TK



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Board Direction

Board Direction Requested

Staff is seeking Board direction on the following items so enrollment can begin right away:

1. Is the Board satisfied with the proposed fee schedule for 2024-25?
2. Does the board want the District to pay the cost of preschool for staff?
 - a. Children of Staff: 6
 - b. Budget for 2024-25 for 10 students of staff in full day with aftercare is \$100,000
3. What if more than 10 staff want to enroll in preschool? Do we increase budget?



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Next Steps

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- Based on Board Direction begin enrolling for 2024-25 in March
- Complete Preschool/TK curriculum adoption and bring recommendation in May/June 2023
- Hire staff for the Aftercare classes and analyze need for additional full day/aftercare options in 2025-26
- Closely monitor the impact of TK expansion on preschool enrollment to inform programmatic decisions for 2025-26
- Consider facilities options for preschool