

**Proposed Preschool Fee Schedule 2024-25
Summary Report for the Board of Trustees
March 14, 2024**

In alignment with SP2027 Goal Area 1 - Instruction: Effective and consistent instructional practices that meet the needs of all students and Goal Area 5 - Resources: Equitable distribution of resources that support student success staff is presenting a proposed fee schedule for preschool tuition for the 2024-25 school year.

On February 8th the Board accepted the staff recommendation for preschool programming in 2024-25 which continues to allow for fee based extended day and added limited aftercare spaces. Preschool programming will include 7 classrooms - 4 full day (8am - 3pm) and 3 part day (3 hours per session) and 2 classrooms with after school care (3pm - 5pm).

Trustees requested a sliding scale for tuition rates. In order to create the sliding scale, staff reviewed rates for preschool programs in the local area first. The rates reviewed are outlined on the table below for comparison.

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

Preschool Program and Eligibility

MVWSD is funded for a part-day/part-year California State Preschool Program (CSPP - 3 hours a day/175 days per year). Enrollment in preschool 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. MVWSD also offers an extended day program (8:00 am - 3:00 pm). Because the state preschool contract is only for half day, families wanting extended day must pay a fee. In 2024-25 MVWSD will offer fee based aftercare (3pm - 5pm) for up to 40 families (1 class at Latham and 1 and Theuerkauf) also at a nominal fee.

Income eligibility for preschool is based on gross monthly income and family size. The California Department of Education (CDE) provides a document with income thresholds for Districts 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 and recent adjustments to SMI and eligibility percentages will allow more families to qualify for CSPP with higher incomes.

2023-24 Fee Schedule

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	\$9,854	\$13,142	\$14,192	\$15,246	\$16,296	\$17,346	\$1,150

	(\$126,150)	(\$118,250)	(\$157,700)	(\$170,300)	(\$182,950)	(\$195,550)	(\$208,150)	
	\$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

Based on the 2023-24 Tuition Fee Schedule, CSPP-eligible families or staff members receive half day of free preschool paid for by our State Preschool Contract and pay between \$300 and \$500 per month for the extended day portion. Additionally, non-CSPP-eligible families or staff members pay a fee for preschool. Non-CSPP eligible staff pay a flat fee of \$950 per month and non-CSPP eligible families pay between \$950 - \$1250 per month based on income for extended day preschool (8:00 am - 3pm). This fee schedule is outdated and does not reflect the changes made in recent years by CDE to income thresholds thus fewer families qualify for free-part day preschool. The proposed tuition fee schedule will utilize updated numbers from the CDE.

Proposed Fee Schedule for 2024-25

The proposed fee schedule is based on current CSPP Thresholds and State Median Income (SMI) information from fall 2023. With this new schedule state preschool eligible families will pay less than before for extended day preschool and higher income families will pay more based on a sliding scale. The sibling discount has been increased to be \$100/month for one child (community) or 50% off for one child (for staff). Separate schedules are included for staff and families with special circumstances.

Proposed Tuition 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
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% =	Over	Over	Over	Over	Over	Over	Over	\$1,400	\$250	\$1,650

SMI	\$14,509	\$15,900	\$18,410	\$21,356	\$24,301	\$24,853	\$25,406			
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Based on this new 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. For 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).

Special Circumstances

In addition, the District is proposing a fee schedule for special circumstances. There are times when families are CSPP eligible because they live in the Castro neighborhood or have a student with an IEP) but are considered “over income.” meaning their gross monthly income exceeds eligibility thresholds for state preschool. These families are eligible for free part day preschool due to special circumstances and will pay extended day/aftercare rates based on their income.

Special Circumstances Tuition Fee Schedule

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

Based on this schedule and 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. For 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).

Staff Fees

At the February 8th board meeting, Trustees were not unanimous in their expectations regarding staff paying for preschool or not. Currently all staff enrolled in the extended day preschool program pay a fee depending on their income. Staff that qualify for free, part day 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 (see below) which decreases rates

for staff as compared to 2023-24.

Proposed Staff Tuition 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

Staff that qualify for free part day preschool would pay \$200-300 per month for extended day and between \$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).

Benefits

Fees for extended day and after-school care are on a sliding scale based on updated income thresholds. Tuition fees are decreased for CSPP-eligible families from 2023-24 rates for the extended day with only a nominal fee for after care. Fees for Non-CSPP eligible staff are decreased from 2023-24. The 2024-25 preschool program includes 15 spaces for non-CSPP eligible staff (10) and community members (5) for full-day w/after-school care. It includes 25 spaces for CSPP-eligible families for full-day with after-school care. All rates are below the local market rate for private early care and education. The schedule includes an increase to sibling discount for everyone.

Challenges

The new schedule does increase tuition for higher income families. The estimated Impact to the General Fund is \$410,000 or \$510,000 with subsidized preschool for up to 10 staff members.

Considerations

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 pending the listed factors. 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 as all four year old students will be eligible for TK in 2025-26.

Board Direction

Staff is seeking direction from the board so that enrollment for 2024-25 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?
 - Current children of staff in preschool: 6
 - 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 the budget?

Next Steps

District staff will begin enrolling preschool students for 2024-25 in March Based on Board Direction. Work will continue on the Preschool/TK curriculum adoption and a recommendation will be brought to the board in May/June 2023. The District will work to hire staff for the after care classes and analyze the need for additional full day/aftercare options in 2025-26. Staff will closely monitor the impact of TK expansion on preschool enrollment to inform programmatic decisions for 2025-26 and consider facilities options for preschool.