

Universal Prekindergarten Programs

Parents of 4-year-olds are being given a unique range of educational options for their children in California. Attending a high-quality early education program prepares children to develop critical social-emotional, cognitive, and early academic skills (literacy and math) to be ready for kindergarten and beyond.

What does a High-Quality Early Learning Experience Offer?

- Fulfills a child's curiosity; positively impacts academic performance.
- Provides discipline and structure balanced with fun.
- Builds a child's desire to learn.
- Provides opportunities for physical activity.
- Builds social and emotional development by increasing positive behavior, self-worth, and confidence.
- Improves a child's pre-reading and math skills.

Thermalito Union Elementary School District has two opportunities to support family choice. Both California State Preschool Program and Transitional Kindergarten are available at the following locations:

- Thermalito Learning Center
- Siskiyou Avenue Elementary School

Families can choose the option that best fits their cultural, family, and life needs.

Thermalito Learning Center (TLC)

TLC offers free/low-cost preschool programs for income-eligible families that include part-day and year-round full-day options for children ages 3 to 5.

Part-Day Follows the traditional school year Monday- Friday 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Full Day operates 12 months Monday- Friday 7:30 to 5 families receive individual contracted time based on need.

Parents can apply using this link: <https://butte.sishubbe.com/Parents/ThermalitoTLC/>



Questions Call (530)538-2950

Transitional Kindergarten

TUESD offers a full-day Transitional Kindergarten program that works to set students up for a positive and successful educational career. Our Transitional Kindergarten program services all

age-eligible children within the Thermalito school district and is located at 2075 Poplar Ave. Families needing care beyond the regular school day can enroll in Butte County Office of Education's after-school program

At Siskiyou Avenue, we focus on foundational school readiness skills in a developmentally appropriate way while prioritizing strong school-family connections.

Parents can apply using this link: <https://thermalito.aeries.net/enrollment/>



Understanding the different options for 4-year-olds

Program	Definition	Age Requirements	Cost	Eligibility	Required Educational Component**
California State Preschool Program	Part-day services for eligible families. Provides a curriculum that is developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for the children served.	2 years, 9 months (Must turn 3 by Dec 1) to Kindergarten	Free or low-cost, based on family income and other factors	Must meet eligibility criteria	Required
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)	The first year of a two-year kindergarten experience that is developmentally informed, uses a modified kindergarten curriculum, and is based on the California Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations	2024-25: Students born between <u>Sep 2, 2019 and June 2, 2020</u> 2025-26 and beyond: Students born between <u>Sep 2, 2020 and Sep 1, 2021</u>	Free to all	Open to all. Part of the school system	Required
Head Start	A Federal program for eligible families	3 to 5-year-old children	Free, based on family income	Must meet eligibility criteria	Required

	that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age five by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.				
Private Centers and Homes	Includes community-based and private programs, family childcare providers, family, friends, and neighbor care.	2 years, 9 months to 5-years-old children (Varies by individual program, some programs also offer infant/toddler, and school-age care)	Determined by the provider, subsidized vouchers are available if eligible	None	Not required but may be available

*Centers and family homes can be licensed or license-exempt

** Programs that require an educational component must follow developmentally appropriate and research-based standards/foundations

For more information on Head Start locations in the Oroville area call (866) 417-4255.

For more information on child care options including Family Child Care Homes and Private Centers call Valley Oak Children's Services at [\(530\) 895-3572](tel:5308953572).