

S.P.U.S.D. Preschool Education Program

Our Mission

Our students reach their individual potential by developing intellectual abilities, emotional maturity, unique talents, love of learning, and responsibility for their own learning.

Our Vision

The South Pasadena Unified School District supports the community's families by actively preparing children for success as they enter their school years. To maintain South Pasadena Unified School District's high standards of excellence, the Preschool Education Program is dedicated to preparing the whole child for the social, emotional, and academic expectations anticipated in the kindergarten year.

Our Philosophy

The Pre-Kindergarten classes provide children the opportunity to engage in developmentally appropriate activities and instruction that are both purposeful and playful using whole group, small group, and individual learning experiences. The focus is on the four standards of preschool education as described in the California Department of Education's Preschool Learning Foundations, as noted below.

- The foundations of Social Emotional Development include the growth of self-awareness, self-regulation, cooperation and responsibility, social and emotional understanding, empathy and caring, initiative in learning, interactions with familiar adults and with peers, group participation, and relationships with parents, teachers, caregivers, and friends.
- The foundations of Language and Literacy include language use and conventions, vocabulary and grammar development, concepts about print, phonological awareness, alphabet and word/print recognition, comprehension, and writing strategies.
- The foundations of English-Language Development include listening and speaking skills, opportunities to appreciate and enjoy reading and literature, the demonstration of phonological awareness, and the use of writing to communicate ideas.
- The foundations of Mathematics include number sense, classification and patterning, measurement, geometry, and mathematical reasoning.

The Preschool Learning Foundations was developed to help teachers plan and recognize effective strategies for preschoolers and to ensure school readiness for all children, including children from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Through child-centered play and full-filled enriching activities, children will gain the foundational skills necessary to help them flourish into their school years.