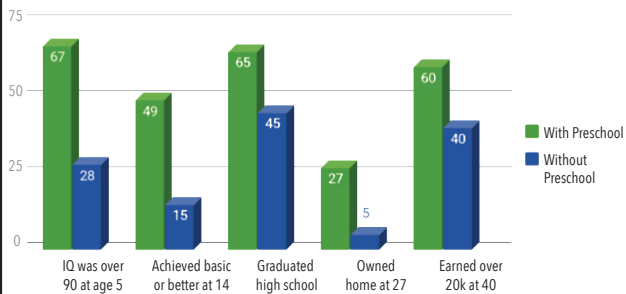


What does Preschool offer?

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

Preschool is a gift that keeps on giving



SOURCE: The High/Scope Perry Preschool study through age 40. Summary, conclusions, and frequently asked questions, November 2004.

Lifetime Benefits

- More likely to go to college
- Less likely to drop out of high school
- Less likely to become a teen parent
- More likely to own a home

About Us

The Local Child Care Planning Council (LPC) brings together all the resources of our community to identify and assess the early care and education needs of the community. We aim for Shasta County parents and caregivers to have access to high quality early care and education for their children ages 0 to 12.



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Things to consider:

- Is there a daily schedule? Does the schedule include play time, rest time, learning activities?
- How is my child being prepared for the next academic year?
- How many children will be in the classroom?
- Are additional adults available to help in the classroom?
- What are the ages of other children in the classroom or on the playground?
- What are the opportunities for families to be involved in the classroom?
- How will my child experience outdoor play?
- Are children expected to sit at tables or desks?
- Has your child experienced play groups and/or separation from parents for extended time?
- Does your child communicate personal needs like using the restroom?

What are other important things to consider?

- Days and hours of operation
- Before and after school care
- Meals
- Program cost or eligibility
- Parent and child expectations
- Transportation
- Kindergarten readiness
- Check with each program for specific enrollment requirements

"Play is the highest form of research."

- Albert Einstein

	Definition	Age Requirements	Teacher Qualifications	Student Teacher Ratio
Preschool	Full or part day program providing early childhood education designed to prepare children for kindergarten.	Approximately 3 years to 5 years of age (varies by individual school or program).	Preschool teachers with 12-24 early childhood education units or more.	1 adult to 8-12 children.*
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)	First year of a two-year full-day kindergarten experience that uses a modified age and developmentally appropriate kindergarten program.	5th birthday between September 2nd and December 2nd. Some school districts may enroll students with a 5th birthday after December 2nd.	Credentialed K-8 teachers. Teachers that are new to TK are required to have 24 early childhood education units.	1 adult to 20-30 children.*
Kindergarten	Instructional year to prepare children for first grade.	5th birthday by September 1st.	Credentialed K-8 teachers.	1 adult to 20-30 children.*

*Class size is a school district decision. Please check with your local school district for specific information.

