

# PRJUSD Preschool Programs



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# **Bearkitten Preschool**

Bearkitten Preschool is a lab preschool at Paso Robles High School staffed by students enrolled in Child Development and Education Pathways offered to children from the community. Paso Robles Joint Unified School District employees receive priority on our waiting list as well as alumni and children enrolled in the school district Little PEPers program.

- Half Day Program: Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays
- CTE Lab Preschool Program

# Special Education Preschool

Special Education preschool is mandated and provided based on individual student educational needs determined through assessment and IEP meeting decisions. The funding for special education preschool is provided through state and federal special education funding. The continuum of preschool education services offered in PRJUSD include:

- Little Peppers: Mild services for speech and language (45 min., 6x monthly)
- Early Learning Academy Inclusion Class: Mild/Moderate services focused on generalization of social skills as well as speech and language (5-7 hours weekly)
- Special Day Class: Mild/Moderate services supporting speech and language and goals in other various areas (7-12 hours weekly)
- Special Day Class: Moderate/Severe services supporting speech and language and goals in other various areas (12 hours weekly)

## Early Learning Academy Preschool (ELA)

Early Learning Academy Preschool is a parent pay preschool program offered within the school district to provide an option for parents who are unable to access publicly funded preschool programs such as Head Start and State Preschool. Although the fees for ELA were increased in the 2019-2020 school as a means of maintaining a self supporting program, PRJUSD continues to accept subsidies to provide preschool access to low-income families. The fee schedule will continue to be evaluated each year. The Early Learning Academy operates at Winifred Pifer and The Arts Academy at Bauer Speck with the following options:

- Morning Classes: 2, 3, and 5 days per week options
- Afternoon Extended Care: 2, 3, and 5 days per week options (TK students may also attend afternoon preschool extended care)

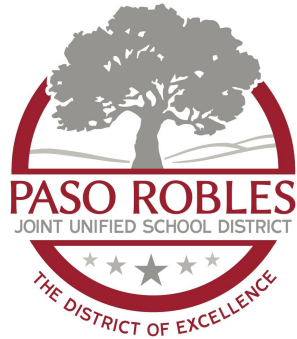
## Early Learning Academy 3 Year Cost Comparison

	2016/17 1st Year of Operation	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Revenue	* 487,349.61	258,669.13	263,763.61	296,595.00
Expenditures	435,430.69	385,595.25	369,605.15	326,048.81
Fund Balance	51,918.92	(126,926.12)	(105,841.54)	**(29,453.81)

\* Year 1 includes start-up funds.

\*\* Fund Balance for 2019/20 appears as an encroachment because Special Education preschool integrated student funding is not added into the Early Learning Academy account. Based on IEP needs, we reserved 8 spaces for students to integrate with typical peers that would have otherwise been filled with fee-based students.

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