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What is UPK*? What is a Mixed-Delivery System?

**Also known as: Universal Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK)*



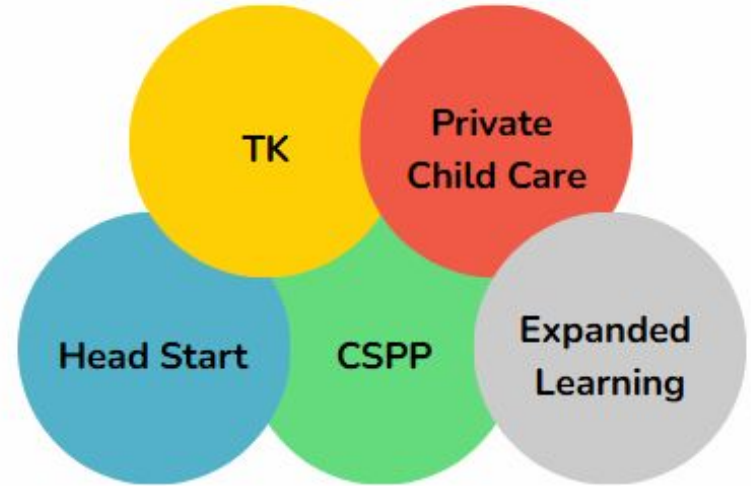
Definition

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) is an expansion of the state's mixed delivery system to meet the early education needs of 3 and 4-year-old children and their families.

- Designed to support families' child care needs, UPK is available to ALL families regardless of income or immigration status.
- While the expansion for 3-year-olds is underway, the goal is to have universal access for all 4-year-olds by 2025-26.
 - For 3-year-olds, expanded access to UPK programs like the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and Head Start will be available to income-eligible families and those with disabilities.

UPK Options Available

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK)
- California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP)
- Head Start
- Private Child Care



Mixed Delivery System

A Mixed Delivery System is a system in which parents select from a range of options for early learning, not only a traditional school environment.

→ Early Learning Options:

- ◆ Family, Friend & Neighbor Providers (Trustline)
- ◆ Licensed Family Child Care Home Providers
- ◆ Licensed & License Exempt Center-Based Care

[My Child Care Plan](#) is a statewide database that you can access 24/7 to search for child care providers in your area or throughout California.



What Should Parents Consider?





Parent Choice

Parents Have Options!

YOU have a choice in choosing the best option for your child and your family that fits your unique needs.

Ultimately, you know your child best. You know their learning styles and which environment they'll thrive in.



What are My Family's Needs?

- Is my child ready for a Pre-K classroom?
- Is my child potty trained?
- Do I need transportation services?
- Would a small-setting be best for my child?
- Do I need care during school breaks, summer or before and/or after school?
- Do I need weekend and evening hours?
- Do I need part time or full time care?



What Is Required?

California requires school enrollment
for children who are 6 years old.

Kindergarten and / or Pre-K attendance is not mandatory.
This is based on your child's developmental needs and
readiness.

Alternate Options to Pre-K

Do you need help paying for child care?

- Variable schedules
- Evening and weekend care
- Smaller teacher to child ratio
- School transportation
- Before and after school care
- Summer and school breaks

Message to Existing Subsidized Families

If you're currently on a subsidized program and are interested in enrolling in a TK or Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) program, please check in with your case manager for more information.

- Subsidy services are valuable.
- Services are recertified every 24 months.
- Services continue until the child is 13 years old.
- With an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) & Doctor's note, services will continue through the child's 21st birthday.

If you lose your services, future enrollment is **not guaranteed depending on funding**



Reach out to your local Resource & Referral or Alternative Payment Agency for assistance and more information.



Thank you!

