How do I apply for the Thompson Integrated Early Childhood /Preschool Program?

☐ Please read all the information below
☐ Electronic applications are included with each program option
☐ Questions? Please contact 970-613-5052

Who’s Eligible for Preschool?

- Family lives within the Thompson School District boundaries
- Family with a child aged 3 or 4 by October 1st that may qualify for Head Start, the Colorado Preschool Program, and tuition pay
- Families qualify for no-cost preschool options through Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program, and Special Education factors. Families may also pay preschool tuition
- Half day or limited full day options are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday for Head Start and the Colorado Preschool Program
- Half day options are available for tuition pay students Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Please read the information below to determine what program would best suit your needs and click on the application. Please note that for Head Start and the Colorado Preschool program, a developmental screening must be completed prior to placement. Completing the application does not guarantee placement into a program.

Tuition-Based (1/2 day only)

2020-2021 rates:

- Tuition rates are as follows:
  - $280 per month for the 3 hour program
  - $290 per month for the 3 ½ hour program
- A one-time payment of $280 non-refundable enrollment is due upon placement acceptance
- Any age-eligible child may apply for a tuition-based placement
- Availability dependent on space
- If space is unavailable, your child will be placed on a waitlist
Head Start

Family qualifies with at least one of the following situations:

- Family is income at or below Federal poverty level
- Family is homeless, doubled up due to financial hardship, or living in substandard housing
- Family provides foster/kinship care
- Family receives public assistance (SSI or TANF)

2020-2021 Federal Income Guidelines

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<tr>
<th>Family Size</th>
<th>Head Start</th>
<th>CPP</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>12,760.00</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>39,640.00</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>44,120.00</td>
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<td>Each additional member</td>
<td>4,480.00</td>
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Colorado Preschool Program

Child must be age 3 or 4 by Oct 1, a 3-year-old needs three factors, a 4-year-old needs one

- Speech/language concerns or child is an English language learner
- Frequent moves in the past 12 months (2 or more)
- Social/emotional concerns by guardian or others
- Alcohol or drug abuse by a family member
- Family income is within 185% of federal poverty level or falls below the Larimer County Self-Sufficiency Standard
- Either parent was less than 18 years old and unmarried at the time of child’s birth
- Living situation qualifies as homeless
- Child is in foster care or receiving services from DHS
- Reported abuse by an adult in the home
- Either parent has not completed high school or GED

2020-2021 Colorado Preschool Program Application

2021-2022 Colorado Preschool Program Application

Preschool Special Education

- State and Federal mandated program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds who, based on evaluation, demonstrate significant delay in 1 or more areas of development (intellectual, communication, physical/motor, social/emotional, etc.) and meet the eligibility criteria for an educational disability.
- Parents/Guardians should contact the Child Find program if they have significant concerns about their child at 970-613-5762

The following records are required within 30 days, as your child participates in the program.

- Physical Exam / Well Child Check: Preschool Program ages 3 to 5 years
  - Physical Exam/Well Child Check completed annually
  - Up-to-date immunization record
  - Head Start students require lead, hematocrit testing and a dentist exam at least once each year starting at age 12 months with any dental treatments if your child has cavities or other dental needs
Apply soon! The Thompson Integrated Early Childhood Program will begin accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school on November 30, 2021.

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<th>Application Periods</th>
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<td>I. Open Enrollment/Early Application *</td>
<td>by April 23</td>
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<td><strong>November 30 - February 28</strong></td>
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<td>II. Application*</td>
<td>by June 11</td>
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<td><strong>March 1 - Last day of School (May 27)</strong></td>
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<td>III. New Application*</td>
<td>Prior to the first day of school</td>
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<td><strong>May 20 - August 1</strong></td>
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<td>IV. Ongoing Year-Round Application*</td>
<td>Varies based by volume &amp; site requested.</td>
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<td><strong>Anytime after August 2</strong></td>
<td>(10-15 business days to process application, placement date unknown based on request)</td>
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*This applies to COMPLETE original applications including On-line registration, COMPLETE re-enrollment packets, address changes, and required documentation.

*Eligibility and Placements within certain funded sources are limited.