



## HOW TO APPLY:

Parent(s) may apply at the DSUSD District Educational Center, ECE Office located at 47-950 Dune Palms Rd. in La Quinta. Please call for directions: (760) 771-8677, 771-8678 or 771-8725

Bring the following information to complete a preschool application:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Immunization Record (yellow card)
- Verification of income for the past 12 months such as pay stub(s) with a year -to-date total and your 2008 Income Tax report. Additional financial verification may be required depending on the program. Income guidelines determine placement in the appropriate Early Childhood Education Program.
- Notice of Action and/or Medi-Cal, WIC card if applicable
- Child's social security card if applicable

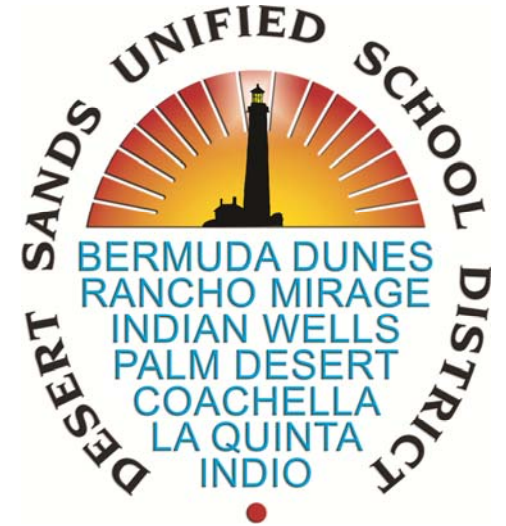


Desert Sands  
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Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD) operates three Preschool Programs: Head Start, State Preschool, and the Child Development Center. These programs are available to children and families residing in the DSUSD boundaries.

**Head Start:** There are six part-day traditional school year Head Start programs and five full-day Head Start programs, all of which are located in Indio and Palm Desert. Head Start is a Federally funded program.

**State Preschool:** There are five State-funded Preschools. The State Preschool classes are part day programs. Three are located in Indio, one in Palm Desert and one in La Quinta. They are open from September until June.

**Child Development Center (CDC):** This center is located in La Quinta and provides full day/full year services.



Teaching staff is fully credentialed through the California Teacher's Commission. The support staff is well trained and knowledgeable of community resources, mental health, Social Services, Health and Nutrition.



All three Preschool programs support the social, emotional, physical, and educational need of the child in a safe and healthy environment. Each of the programs is based on solid developmentally appropriate practices that foster language and literacy.

## Eligibility

**Head Start:** Children born December 3, 2006 through December 2, 2007 are eligible if they meet the income guidelines. A family of 4 members may make an annual salary of \$22,050. Head Start guidelines require 10% of the enrollment slots be reserved for children with professionally diagnosed disabilities.

**State Preschool (SPS):** Children born December 3, 2006 through December 2, 2007 are eligible for this preschool if they meet the income guidelines. A family of 4 members may make an annual salary of \$49,620. Priority is given to the lowest income and children who are referred by Child Protective Services.

**Child Development Center (CDC):** Children between 3 and 5 years of age are eligible for the center if their parent(s) are in a training program and/or working and meet the income guidelines. A family of 4 members may make an annual salary of \$26,000. Priority is given to the lowest income and children who are referred by Child Protective Services.

All three preschool programs operate on a nondiscriminatory basis and give equal treatment and access to services without regard to race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or ancestry.

