

ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Atwater Elementary School District Preschool Program opened in the fall of 2009, with four classrooms at three schools (Aileen Colburn School, Shaffer School, and Bellevue School). The four classrooms accommodate 192 preschool children.

The no-fee AESD Preschools are publicly funded by the California Department of Education. The AESD Preschools provide children with safe, stimulating and inclusive learning environments, with an emphasis on the development of social, language, physical, and cognitive skills. Classrooms are licensed by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing.

Parents are encouraged to become involved in the education of their children at home and at school. Parents are expected to attend regular meetings/workshops and twice annual parent-teacher conferences. Volunteering in the classroom is welcomed.

ELIGIBILITY

Children must meet age and income eligibility guidelines. Priority is given to children who will be four years of age by December 2nd of the current school year. After eligible four year old children are enrolled, children who will be three years of age by December 2nd of the current school year may be enrolled.

REGISTRATION

Enrollment for preschool begins in spring of the year prior to enrollment. Families can assist with the enrollment process by completing a Centralized Eligibility List (CEL) application prior to spring. Based on eligibility rankings, appointments will be made for registration.

Parents must bring:

- *Birth certificates for all children in the family
- *Child's immunization record
- *Current month's proof of income
- *Proof of residence
- *Child's Physician's report (CHDP and TB within the last year)

CLASSES

Aileen Colburn and Bellevue schools have a preschool classroom specifically for children the year before kindergarten. Aileen Colburn and Shaffer each have a classroom that accommodates children ages three and four years.

Each class has two sessions, 8:15 – 11:15 AM and 12:00 – 3:00 PM. Each session has twenty-four children, with three qualified staff. Classes follow the regular school year, with 180 days of attendance.

For more information call the district office at (209) 357-6100.