

# Steps into Preschool



## STEP 1. INITIAL CONTACT

Your child receives a developmental screening and the screening team recommends further evaluation OR your child is referred by another agency and records are reviewed to determine if a further evaluation is recommended.

## STEP 2. PLANNING / EVALUATION

You meet with the evaluation team and discuss evaluation/testing procedures. Preschool children are required to be assessed in five developmental areas: communication, cognitive, social, adaptive and motor.

You are a member of the evaluation team. It is important for the team to know your concerns about your child.

You sign permission to evaluate and testing begins. You provide information about your child. Testing may require more than one visit.

## STEP 3. EVALUATION REVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION MEETING(S)

The team meets and discusses the results of the testing.

If there is not a developmental delay that meets the state special education criteria, an Evaluation Team Report is completed and appointments are finished. Your child will not be provided with pre-school special education services. You are given a copy of the Report.

If your child does meet the state’s criteria for a developmental delay, an Evaluation Team Report is completed, and an **Individual Education Program (IEP)** is developed for your child. The IEP guides the special education services that are provided. You are given a copy of the Report and IEP.

## STEP 4. ENROLLMENT AND START DATE (IF ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES)

The team agrees on a start date for services.

You return completed enrollment paperwork (which includes your child’s birth certificate, shot record, proof of address, and photo I.D.) to the Desert Meadows, Estrella Foothills, or Laveen School office.

Bus transportation is arranged at your request if you are unable to bring your child to school and must be within Laveen Elementary School District boundaries.



Offered at three  
Laveen campuses

Serving children ages 3-5  
with special needs

Half-day schedules

No cost to Laveen families



# Laveen School District’s Developmental Preschool

Desert Meadows School • Laveen Elementary School • Estrella Foothills Global Academy  
[www.laveenschools.org/developmental-preschool](http://www.laveenschools.org/developmental-preschool)





### Goals of Developmental Preschool

The goal of the Laveen Preschool program is to increase children’s independence by:

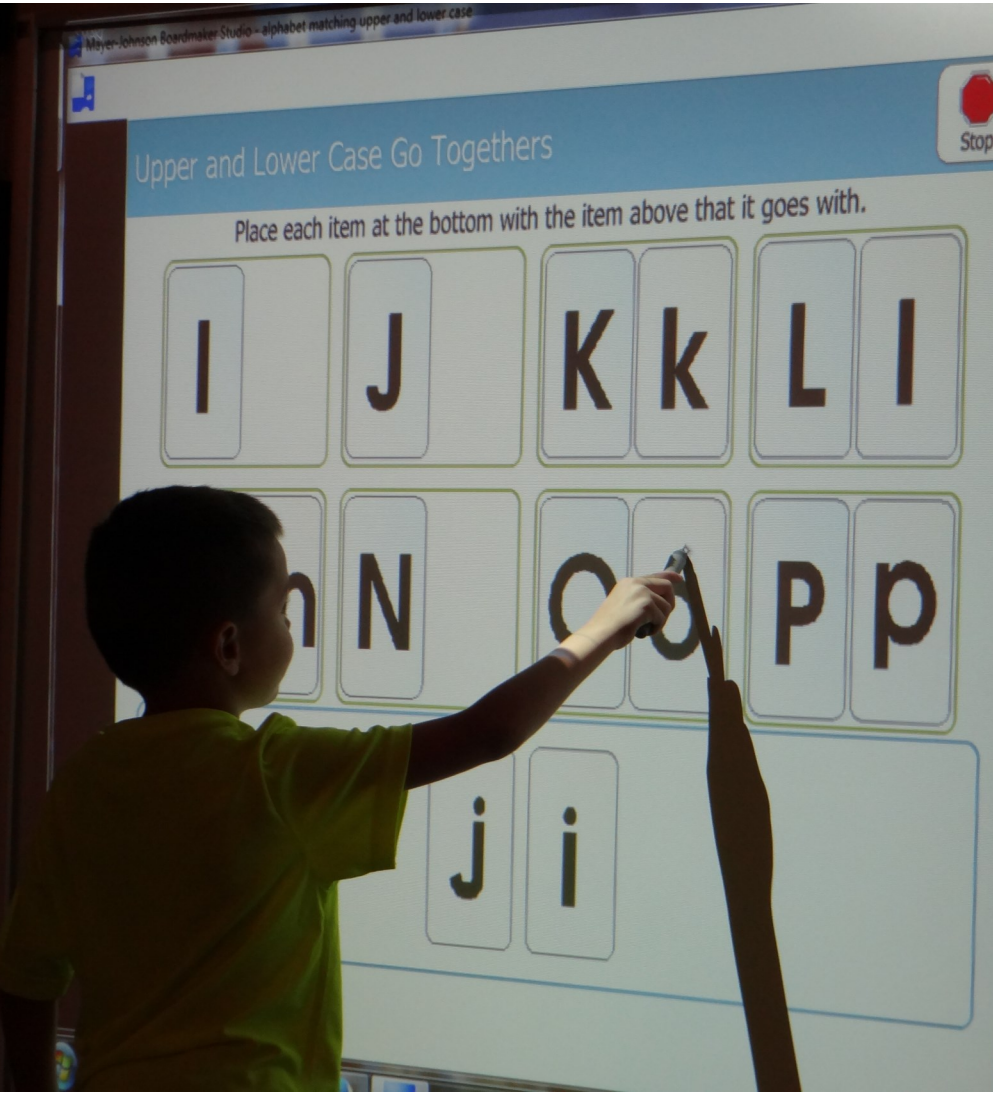
- providing a positive first school experience
- developing social skills with peers and adults
- developing self-control and self-confidence
- encouraging self-care skills
- developing effective communication skills
- developing small and large muscle skills
- providing developmentally appropriate learning experiences

### About the Program

Laveen Elementary School District’s Preschool program provides early intervention/special education services to 3 to 5 year old children with qualifying developmental delays in the areas of hearing, vision, speech/language, cognitive, social, motor, and/or adaptive behavior. Eligibility is determined through formal assessment procedures.

Children who attend the special needs classes qualify for special education services and have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in effect. Preschool for children with special needs is provided at no cost to parents. Bus services are provided if you are unable to transport your child to receive services.

Peer Program: A limited number of children who do not qualify for special education may also be accepted and serve as “peer models.” These children are accepted based on screening results and space availability. There is a tuition fee for peer models to attend preschool.



### Concerned about Your Preschool Child’s Development?

We provide free preschool screenings to families that live within the Laveen Elementary School District boundaries and have concerns regarding their child’s development.

Please contact the Developmental Preschool Office for information on scheduling your child’s free screening appointment, 602-237-9110, extension 3131.

The screenings are conducted every 45 days at Laveen Elementary School, 4141 West McNeil Street, in Laveen.



### Three Developmental Preschool Locations

Desert Meadows	Laveen School	Estrella Foothills
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Morning session primarily for 3-year-olds 8:30am-11:00am	Morning session primarily for 3-year-olds 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Morning session primarily for 3-year-olds 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Afternoon session primarily for 4-5-year-olds 12:00pm-2:30pm	Afternoon session primarily for 4-5-year-olds 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon session primarily for 4-5-year-olds 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*School placement is based on home address & individual needs.*