



CDE Management Bulletin 21-04: California State Preschool Program Free or Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility Criteria to Enroll Four-Year-Old Children

This Management Bulletin (MB) rescinds and replaces MB 20-01

Expanded Eligibility for California State Preschool Program (CSPP)

In the Budget Act of 2019, eligibility for the CSPP program was expanded:

- Families are no longer required to demonstrate need to be eligible for full-day CSPP. Eligible families who do not demonstrate a need for care may be enrolled in full-day CSPP if there is space available after all eligible families with demonstrated need who have been enrolled.
- All children living within the attendance boundaries of a Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPM) school may be enrolled in CSPP, regardless of eligibility or need for services, after other eligible children have been enrolled.
 - Children enrolled under FRPM eligibility guidelines should be enrolled from lowest to highest income.
 - For a list of eligible FRPM schools, please consult [MB 21-04](#).

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, children who do not have access to in-person Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or kindergarten may remain enrolled in CSPP.

- For the 2020-21 school year **only**, children who are age-eligible for TK or kindergarten may remain enrolled in CSPP if the family would not have access to in-person TK or kindergarten and no other subsidized in-person child care programs are available.

For more information, consult [MB 21-04](#). If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your assigned [Early Learning and Care Field Consultant](#).