



2025-26 Universal Preschool Calendar Announcement!

Dear Universal Preschool Partners,

We are excited to announce our planned 2025-26 school year schedule. This updated system, developed in collaboration with extensive input and feedback from providers, families, and stakeholders, aims to deliver a schedule that even more closely matches the needs of our partners and families.

What you can expect for the 2025-26 school year

In reflecting on our 2024-25 school year learnings, we recognized the need to adjust our timelines to ensure we were more closely aligned with the existing schedules our partners and families expect. We also saw our three pathways for enrollment really working, allowing us to recognize and respond to the unique needs of families through pre-registration, general application, and direct enrollment processes. For the 2025-26 school year, you will notice a timeline that achieves that goal, ultimately giving our partners and families more certainty earlier in the year.

Below is a more detailed breakdown of the timeline for the 2025-26 school year, with the provider participation process commencing in the Fall of 2024.

Provider Seat + Program Set-Up Dates

- **October 15 - November 8:** Program setup forms uploaded to the Provider Portal. Forms entered any time after November 8 will be uploaded at the beginning of the new year (January 2025).
- **Feb 4 - Feb 9:** Providers can adjust the number of seats and program through the provider portal in preparation for matching rounds.

Pre-Registration:

- **December 17 - February 3:** Pre-registration application window for families requesting Continuity of Care placements, sibling attending, or child of an employee.
- **December 17 - February 3:** Providers will receive matches each day for eligible family registrations and will be able to accept or decline placements.
- **February 3 - 10:** Families must accept pre-registration matches.

Family Matching:

- **December 17 - February 5:** Registration through [upk.Colorado.gov](https://upk.colorado.gov) opens for families.
- **February 10:** First family-to-provider matching round runs.
- **February 12 - February 21:** Providers review and accept or decline matches.
- **February 24:** Families notified of first-round matches. Families must accept or decline by March 3.
- **March 10:** Second matching round runs.
- **March 12 - March 21:** Providers review and accept or decline matches.
- **March 24:** Families notified of second-round matches. Families must accept or decline by March 31.

Non-IEP Direct Enrollment:

- **April 1 until the end of the 2025-26 school year:** Direct enrollment for non-IEP families directly through providers.

IEP Direct Placement:

- **March through the end of the 2025-26 school year:** Special Education Administrative Units (AUs) and school districts will request placement of students in accordance with their IEPs and CDEC will support direct upload of those identified placements. Providers will accept matches within 2 weeks of receiving a match; families will have until the start of the school year to accept matches.

- **December through the end of the 2025-26 school year:** As soon as a family submits their application and is assigned to an AU, the AU can place the student into a program using the Program ID through the AU Portal.

Next Steps

As we get closer to the release of the application and the start of the pre-registration phase, we will share detailed instructions about each pre-registration process and the actions required of each partner in the program. On December 17th, families can start browsing providers and review their eligibility for the program at upk.colorado.gov.

Resources + Support

[Program Website](#): Review the estimated enrollment timeline on the website. More information and resources are expected in the coming weeks. Have more questions or need help with Universal Preschool Colorado? [Contact us using this short form](#) or call 303-866-5223.

We appreciate your continued support, partnership, and input!

- Colorado Universal Preschool Team