

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Preschool teachers educate and care for children, usually ages 3 to 5, who have not yet entered kindergarten. They explain reading, writing, science, and other subjects in a way that young children can understand.

DUTIES

Preschool teachers typically do the following:

- Prepare children for kindergarten by introducing concepts they will explore further in kindergarten and elementary school
- Work with children in groups or one on one, depending on the needs of children and the subject matter
- Plan and carry out a curriculum that targets different areas of child development, such as language, motor, and social skills
- Organize activities so children can learn about the world, explore interests, and develop talents
- Develop schedules and routines to ensure children have enough physical activity, rest, and playtime
- Watch for signs of emotional or developmental problems in children and bring problems to the attention of parents
- Keep records of the students' progress, routines, and interests, and keep parents informed about their child's development

Preschool teachers use play to teach children about the world. For example, they use storytelling and rhyming games to teach language and vocabulary. They may help improve children's social skills by having them work together to build a neighborhood in a sandbox or teach science and math by having children count when building with blocks.

Preschool teachers work with children from different ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds. Teachers may include multicultural topics in their lessons to teach children about people of different backgrounds and cultures.




SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$25,590	\$28,820	\$35,000	\$44,170	\$53,720

*Pay period based on yearly amount.

EMPLOYMENT
OUTLOOK



6,160

Stable growth rate
is estimated to be

10%

estimated annual
job openings

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