Universal Pre-Kindergarten Options for a 4 year-old				
	Definition	Age Requirements	Teacher Qualifications	Student-Teacher Ratios
Early Learning and Care	Community-based and private programs, family child care providers, and family, friend and neighbor care.	Ages vary by program type	Teacher qualifications may vary by program. Please consult with the specific program to learn more.	Varies by program
California State Preschool Program (CSPP)	Part-and full-day services for income-eligible families. Utilizes curriculum that is developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for the children being served.	2 years, 9 months to 5-year-old children	Director: 24 ECE Units + 16 GE Units + 3 Adult Supervision Units, and BA Degree Master Teacher: Teacher + 6 ECE Units in Specialization + 2 Adult SupervisionUnits Teacher: 24 ECE Units + 16 GE Units Associate Teacher: 12 ECE Units	1 adult to 8 chidren
Head Start	A federal program for income-eligible families that promotes school's readiness of children from birth to age 5 by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.	3 to 5-year-old children	Director: 24 ECE Units + 16 GE Units + 3 Adult Supervision Units, and BA Degree Associate Teacher: 12 ECE Units Site Assistant: 6 ECE Units	1 adult to 10 children
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)	First year of a two-year kindergarten experience that is developmentally informed, based on the California Preschool Learning Foundations, and uses a modified kindergarten curriculum.	2022-23: 2023-24: 2024-25: 2025-26: Turns 5	Credentialed teachers are required to complete 24 early childhood education units or obtain a Child Development Permit by August 1, 2023.	2022-23: 1 adult to 12 children 2023-24: 1 adult to 10 children* (*in effect as funding becomes available)
Expanded Transitional Kindergarten (ETK)	Local school districts can choose to enroll 4-year-olds in TK whose fifth birthdays occur after the eligibility date, generally referred to as "Expanded TK."	School districts can only offer ETK to 4-year-olds whose 5th birthdays occur within the school year and not after June 30.	Credential teachers are required to complete 24 early childhood education units or obtain a Child Developmental Permit by August 1, 2023.	2022-23: 1 adult to 12 children 2023-24: 1 adult to 10 children* (*in effect as funding becomes available)