

FY26-27 Early Learning For All (ELFA)-Funded Preschool Extension Process

For Families Requesting One Additional Year of ELFA-Funded Preschool After Age 5

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Provider checks if child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

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Provider informs family continued eligibility for ELFA-funded preschool beyond age 5 is not guaranteed and advise family to apply for Kindergarten if they plan to attend SFUSD before SFUSD's Kindergarten application deadline

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Provider assists family in gathering documentation needed for exceptions for funding ELFA Preschool Extension Requests

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Gather a compilation of assessments, developmental screenings and formal documentation of developmental milestones being unmet

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Submit an [ELFA-funded Preschool Extension Request Form](#) to DEC-Access-Enrollment@sfgov.org **by the end of March before the start of the 2026-27 fiscal year.** Requests received after March will be reviewed on a case by case basis

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Requests will be reviewed and processed by DEC within 90 days; however, approval is not guaranteed. We will contact you with the next steps once the review is complete. If approved, DEC will require developmental progress monitoring and quality improvement activities aligned with Quality Continuum Framework