



# Solana Beach School District

Inspiring Wonder and Discovery in Learning and Life

## **SBSD Jumpstart Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the Jumpstart Program?**

Jumpstart is a school readiness program for four-year-old children who reside in the Solana Beach School District. The program addresses language, literacy, and pre-math skills with an emphasis on social and emotional development. Research shows that early school readiness is a strong predictor of success during elementary and secondary education. The Jumpstart curriculum blends preschool and readiness standards for kindergarten with a focus on hands-on and experiential learning.

### **When does the application window open for Jumpstart?**

The application window for the 2024-2025 school year is open from April 22 - May 17, 2024, for **students turning 4 years old by September 1, 2024.**

### **Who is eligible for Jumpstart?**

All families of children who are four years old by September 1, 2024, are eligible to apply for the program. Priority registration will be determined as follows:

#### Priority 1:

- Child qualifies for free/reduced-priced meals
- Child is experiencing housing instability
- Child is a Foster Youth

#### Priority 2:

- Child is identified as an English learner as defined by the California Department of Education

#### Lottery:

- If Priorities 1 and 2 seats are not filled, any age-eligible children residing in SBSD may be included in a lottery for program participation

### **What are the days/hours of the Jumpstart program?**

Jumpstart is five days a week and will follow the same full-day and minimum-day schedule, and academic calendar schedule as the school campuses that house Jumpstart.

**Are there after-school childcare accommodations for working parents after Jumpstart dismisses?**

Each site offers a fee-based\* before/after school care program through SBSD's Child Development Center (CDC). [Click here for more information.](#) \*Qualifying families may receive financial assistance, based on income eligibility.

**What does a typical day in Jumpstart look like for students?**

Morning greetings and meetings, small group activities for academic and social skills, short morning and afternoon recess, lunch, whole group music and movement, whole group read-aloud, and emergent writing practice.

**How do families apply for Jumpstart?**

Apply on the [Solana Beach School District's Application Page.](#)

**Can families that move into the district mid-year apply to Jumpstart?**

Families moving into Solana Beach School District boundaries after the first day of school whose children are age-eligible and meet priority 1 or priority 2 criteria may submit an application for Jumpstart to be considered for registration. Enrollment will be dependent on availability.

**When is the first day of school? Does the schedule coincide with the rest of the schools' calendars?**

The first day of school is the same for all students, August 12, 2024, and will follow the same academic calendar as all other schools and grade levels.

**Are there certain schools in the District offering Jumpstart? How will I know what location my child will attend?**

Jumpstart is a regional program, meaning eligible students may come from anywhere within the Solana Beach School District boundaries. For the 2024-25 school year, the two locations identified for the Jumpstart program are Solana Vista and Carmel Creek schools. Notification of acceptance into the Jumpstart program will be communicated to families. If accepted, you will be notified which Jumpstart location your child will attend.

**Is there transportation available for this program?**

No. Solana Beach School District does not provide transportation. Families/Guardians are responsible for transporting their child/children to the assigned regional program location.