

Tuition-Supported Prekindergarten in Austin ISD

AISD quality prekindergarten is purposeful, intentional and focused on teaching children to grow physically, academically, and social emotionally and builds a foundation for college, career, and life.



Children who are four years old on or before September 1st and who do not qualify for either the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) or the state mandated prekindergarten program provided for qualifying students, as described in column two, are eligible to enroll in the Tuition-Supported Prekindergarten Program at one of the following pilot elementary schools:

- Allison
- Baldwin
- Becker
- Boone
- Brentwood
- Casey
- Casis
- Davis
- Dawson
- Govalle
- Gullett
- Hill
- Kocurek
- Mills
- Odom
- Palm
- Perez
- Ridgetop
- Summitt
- Sunset Valley
- Travis Heights
- Zilker

PREKINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for enrollment in the state mandated pre-K program, a child must be four years of age on or before September 1st, live in the district and must:

- Be unable to speak and/or comprehend the English language; or
- Be educationally disadvantaged (qualify for free/reduced lunch); or
- Be homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302; or
- Be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of The United States,
- Be the child of a member of the armed forces of The United States, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or
- Is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing under Family Code 262.201.



PREKINDERGARTEN IN AISD

- *Certified teachers in every classroom specifically trained to work with young children.*
- *Six-hour full-day programming*
- *Child-centered, hands-on learning.*
- *Focused on developing children academically, physically, and socially.*





QUALITY PROGRAMMING



The Austin ISD elementary schools provide a focused prekindergarten program where children have hands-on, purposeful opportunities for learning. Student centered environments in our prekindergarten classrooms follow the developmentally appropriate practices outlined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children as well as the practices taught by the Children's Learning Institute which is the Texas State Center for Early Childhood. Our Curriculum Road Maps follow the Texas Prekindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and provide an instructional program that is vertically aligned with the Kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Parents will apply at the Carruth Administration Center, located at 1111 West 6th Street, in the Office of Student Services (Room A-200). Parents may only register for one location.
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee will be collected at the time of registration. Only checks or money orders will be accepted.
- Initially there will be a finite number of slots available at each pilot campus. Class sizes in AISD are 20:1. The district will notify parents by June 30, 2011 if their student has been placed in the pre-K program. The students who do not make the program at that time will be put on a waiting list. There may be other openings after that time depending on other registrations.
- A parent may choose to send their student to any tuition-supported campus in AISD. However, they must provide their own transportation.
- Children with persistent attendance issues will be removed from the program to allow another student to fill the slot. Children with persistent behavior problems that interfere with the general welfare of others will be temporarily or permanently removed from the program.
- After all pre-K positions have been filled, an official waiting list will be developed
- After one year in pre-K, the student would go to the home school. If the parent wishes to keep the child on the campus after the pre-K year, the parent must apply for a transfer and be subject to all provisions of the AISD transfer policy.



TUITION RATES

Annual tuition is \$4,656 per student. A \$50 non-refundable application fee will be collected with the application. A \$100 non-refundable supply and materials fee will be collected at time of notification of placement in the program.

Registration Documents Required

- *Official birth certificate*
- *Photo Identification of parent/guardian enrolling student. (Driver's license, passport, etc.)*
- *Child's Social Security Card (optional)*
- *Current Immunization Record signed by physician*
- *Proof of residency in AISD – current electric bill, or copy of lease*

Questions/Need Further Information

Call the AISD Department of Early Childhood

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