



# Austin ISD

## Tuition Supported Prekindergarten Program

### 2017-18 Campuses for the Tuition Supported Pre-K Program

Allison	Mathews
Blackshear	Menchaca
Boone	Metz
Brooke	Mills
Casis	Odom
Cowan	Ortega
Davis	Palm
Galindo	Patton
Govalle	Pillow
Guerrero-Thompson	Read
Gullett	Reilly
Hill	Sanchez
Joslin	Uphaus
Kocurek	Williams
Maplewood	Zilker

### Two-Way Dual Language Schools

Becker	*Perez
*Blanton	Ridgetop
*Brentwood	*Summitt
*Casey	*Sunset Valley
*Cunningham	*Travis Heights
*Dawson	*Wooten

*These dual language campuses also offer an option for a non-dual language classroom as well.*

### History

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

### Does Your Child Qualify for the State-Mandated Prekindergarten Program?

To be eligible for enrollment in the state-mandated pre-K program, a child must be four years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year, 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; or
- 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
- Currently or ever have been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing under Family Code 262.201.

### Prekindergarten Program?

Children who are four years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year 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 above, are eligible to enroll in the tuition supported prekindergarten program.

## What is the cost for the Tuition Supported Prekindergarten Program?

The annual tuition cost is \$4,656 per student, payable annually, by semester, or prorated to be paid monthly. The monthly tuition of \$517.33 can be directly drafted from the parent's bank account each month. Tuition paid annually or by semester can be done with a check or by bank draft.

Payment	Due Date	Amount
Annually	Sept. 6, 2017	\$4,656
Semester	Sept. 6, 2017	\$2,328
	Jan. 3, 2017	\$2,328
Monthly	Sept. 6, 2017	\$517.33
	Oct. 3, 2017	\$517.33
	Nov. 3, 2017	\$517.33
	Dec. 5, 2017	\$517.33
	Jan. 3, 2018	\$517.33
	Feb. 5, 2018	\$517.33
	Mar. 5, 2018	\$517.33
Apr. 3, 2018	\$517.33	
May 3, 2018	\$517.33	

Although every effort is made to keep the above schedule for bank drafts, it is expected that sufficient funds will be available if the account is drafted at a later date.



## What are the Benefits of the Tuition Supported Prekindergarten Program?

- 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.

## How Can I Start the Registration Process?

Parents can obtain prekindergarten tuition supported applications from any tuition supported prekindergarten campus. An additional application is required for parents who wish to apply for the dual language program as well as tuition-supported prekindergarten. The application can be obtained at any dual language campus that also offers tuition pre-K. Completed enrollment packets are to be turned in to the campus parents wish their child to attend **NO LATER THAN the end of business on January 31, 2017**. Employee out-of-district applications must be obtained and submitted at the Student Services Office at CAC.

Initially there will be finite number of slots available at each tuition campus and AISD will hold a lottery in February to determine student placement. Class sizes in AISD are approximately 19:1. After all tuition positions have been filled, an official waiting list will be developed. Tuition applications will be accepted after the February lottery. Students will be accepted or placed on a waiting list on a space availability basis.

## What Campus Will My Child Belong To?

- A parent may choose to send their student to any tuition supported campus in AISD. However, they must provide their own transportation.
- Children with chronic attendance issues will be removed from the program to allow another student to fill the slot.
- After one year in pre-K, the student would go to the home school. If the parent wishes to keep the child on the tuition campus after the pre-K year, the parent must apply for a transfer and be subject to all provisions of the AISD transfer policy.

## What are the Required Documents for Registration?

- Official birth certificate
- Photo identification of parent/guardian enrolling student. Approved forms include driver's license, passport, DPS issued ID.
- Child's social security number (optional).
- Current immunization record signed by physician.
- Proof of residency in AISD—current electric bill or copy of lease.

## For more information, please contact the Department of Early Childhood.

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