

Austin ISD

Tuition Supported Prekindergarten Program

2013-14 Campuses for the Tuition Supported Pre-K Program

Allison Hill Baldwin Kocurek Blackshear Mills Boone Palm Casis Read **Davis** Summitt Doss **Uphaus** Govalle Zilker Gullett

Two-Way Dual Language Schools

Becker
Brentwood
Casey
Dawson
Maplewood
Perez
Pleasant Hill
Ridgetop
Sunset Valley
Travis Heights

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 1st 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;
- 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.

Who is Eligible for the Tuition Supported Prekindergarten Program?

Children who are four years old on or before September 1st 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 on the fourth of each month. Tuition paid annually or by semester can be done with a check or by bank draft.

	Due Date	Amount
Annually	Sept. 4, 2013	\$4,656
Semester	Sept. 4, 2013	\$2,328
	Jan. 6, 2014	\$2,328
Monthly	Com4 4 2012	¢517.22
	Sept. 4, 2013	\$517.33
	Oct. 4, 2013	\$517.33
	Nov. 4, 2013	\$517.33
	Dec. 4, 2013	\$517.33
	Jan. 6, 2014	\$517.33
	Feb. 4, 2014	\$517.33
	Mar. 4, 2014	\$517.33
	Apr. 4, 2014	\$517.33
	May 5, 2014	\$517.33



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 the AISD website, any tuition supported prekindergarten campus, or at the AISD Office of Student Services located at 1111 West 6th Street, second floor of building A (room 200).

Initially there will be finite number of slots available at each tuition campus and AISD will hold a lottery in March and May 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 and parents will be notified in the fall if space becomes available.

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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