

PreKindergarten Eligibility and Admission

PreK students must be three years old by September 1 to be eligible for admission to our half-day PreK3 program. PreK students must be four years old by September 1 to be eligible for admission to our full-day PreK4 program.

The Texas legislature determines eligibility requirements for free, public PreKindergarten in Texas. PreK students must qualify under one of the following criteria outlined in the Texas Education Code:

1. is unable to speak and comprehend the English language;
2. is educationally disadvantaged;
3. is a homeless child, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child;
4. is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority;
5. is a child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty;
6. is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code

The PreK lottery will occur with the lottery for all other grade levels. Following the lottery, students who would have a spot in PreK will be contacted to determine eligibility. Students will be tested for English proficiency or the parent will be required to provide appropriate documentation to determine eligibility based on the information provided in the application.

Once a student's eligibility for PreK has been verified, the student will be offered admission and will follow all other admission and enrollment criteria.

The school may also contact students near the top of the waitlist to determine eligibility. Once eligibility for PreK has been verified, the student will remain on the waitlist and offered admission when an opening occurs.