



MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ángel Rivera Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

April 1, 2024

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the Mesquite ISD Pre-Kindergarten Tuition-Based Program for 4-year-olds. Enrollment in the Tuition-Based Program is limited to residents of the district and children of Mesquite ISD employees. The cost for this program is \$4,025 for the 2024-2025 school year, regardless of the number of school days in any particular month. Payment can be made in full at the start of the school year or in 9 monthly installments. If paying monthly, the first payment is due Sept. 1, 2024.

The enrollment documents are attached. Packets are available at the MISD Administration Building or you may download a printable packet from the Mesquite ISD website.

Pre-Kindergarten enrollment documents must be completed and submitted to Administrative Services in the Administration Building, located at 3819 Towne Crossing Blvd. Applications may also be emailed to rrbrown@mesquiteisd.org.

Parents will be notified if their child is accepted into the program or placed on a wait list. Parents of selected students will be required to pay a nonrefundable \$200 deposit at time of placement to reserve their spot for the 2024-2025 school year.

Each of our teachers are highly qualified and trained in order to meet the needs of your preschool child. We hope you will find the program to be an incredible learning experience for your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Services at 972-882-5460.

Thank you,

Taylor Morris

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Are meals provided?

Breakfast and lunch are available. Parents are welcome to send a packed lunch and/or a nutritious snack with their child for snack time.

Is transportation provided for Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten?

Transportation is not provided to students in the Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten Program.

What curriculum will be used?

The Pre-Kindergarten program provides a detailed outline of knowledge and skills young children need to build a solid foundation for later learning. A complete version of the Texas State Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines can be found online at www.tea.texas.gov/Academics/Early_Childhood_Education/Texas_Prekindergarten_Guidelines.

How many students will be in the class?

Each classroom may have up to 22 students.

I am an employee, but do not live in the attendance zone of the elementary campus I would like for my child to attend. Do I need to complete a request for transfer?

No, placement is solely based on availability.

I am not an employee of Mesquite ISD. Is my child eligible to enroll?

Yes, however, Mesquite ISD employees who are district residents will have the first option to enroll.

I am not an employee of Mesquite ISD, and I do not live in Mesquite ISD. Is my child eligible to enroll?

No. Mesquite ISD's Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten Program is only available to students living within the district or the children of an employee.



PARENT HANDBOOK

Age Limits and Eligibility

Students entering the tuition-based program must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2024.

“All Day Program” Definition

Regular school hours (7:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.) will be observed. Regular school calendar will be observed.

For On-Campus After School Care Contact:

Contact *Right at School* at rightatschool.com/program-finder/. Many local daycares offer after school care options as well.

Attendance

Mesquite ISD is not considered a daycare establishment. It considers the Pre-Kindergarten program to be an integral part of the pre-educational programming. Because the number of openings are limited in the Pre-Kindergarten, it is an expectation for parents to have their child arrive to school on time daily. This will avoid disruptions for the classroom. We want your child’s teacher to have the best opportunity to maximize the learning environment. If you know your child is going to be absent for an extended time, please contact the school office.

Contacts

Please contact Administrative Services at 972-882-5460 if you have general questions about the Mesquite ISD Tuition-based Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Curriculum

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This is NOT a Special Education program. Children who have special needs may be served through other placements in early childhood programs. Due to the differing needs of the preschoolers, some students will be at the beginning of the learning continuum while others may be further along. ALL students, however, will be provided instruction that ensures they master their appropriate learning objectives as set forth by our preschool curriculum.

Enrollment

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Mesquite ISD Employees who are district residents and district residents will have the first option to enroll. Remaining openings will be given to non-resident employees and determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Mesquite ISD residents must provide either a current utility bill (no phone bills) or lease agreement with name and address for verification.

Mesquite ISD employees must provide a copy of their employee ID badge. Employees living outside of the Mesquite ISD district need to complete and submit an enrollment packet. Beginning late June, the district will notify parents by mail regarding acceptance for the program or of placement on the waiting list. The list of applicants will be maintained for reference throughout the school year. Parents will be contacted in order of the applicant waiting list as openings become available.



