Ropes ISD PK Program

The Ropes ISD PK Program is a three-part design serving students through Head Start, State Funded PK, and Tuition. All students receive the same quality Head Start & TEA approved curriculum and instruction appropriate for their age/grade level.

A: Head Start - Eligibility for this program is determined by Head Start and their evaluation of the Application submitted by parents/guardians. Parents will be notified by HS if their child qualifies.

B: State Funded PK - Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1 of the school year in question and meet one or more of the following eligibility guidelines (available in full at http://pol.tasb.org/Policy/Download/833?filename=EHBG(LEGAL).pdf):

- child is unable to speak/comprehend the English language;
- child is educationally disadvantaged;
- child is homeless (as defined by federal law);
- child has a parent who is an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States (including state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces);
- child has a parent who was injured or killed while serving as an active duty members of the armed forces of the United States (including state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces);
- child is or has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing under Family Code 262.201.

(Note: Many of these conditions will usually qualify a student for Head Start. That is why it is necessary to ***complete a Head Start application*** *regardless if the parent thinks they will not qualify based on income.)*

C: Tuition - $500/mo for 10 months beginning in August of the year in question. Payments will be made on the 1st of each month, August through May (10 months) for a total of $5000 for that year.

C1: Note - *If the student becomes Head Start or State eligible through the course of the year, they would be officially in Head Start or the State Funded PK and disenrolled from the Tuition-Based Program.*

C2: Unenrollment - If a student is participating in Ropes PK via the Tuition Based Program, failure by the parent to make a payment will result in the student being unenrolled from the program. There is a 3-business day grace period for making the payment but once that expires and the parent has not contacted the school for payment, the Ropes Administration will contact the parent to resolve the matter. If the non-payment can not be resolved in a timely manner, the student will be unenrolled from the PK Program.

C3: Re-enrollment - The parent may do a one-time re-enrollment in a calendar year. The reenrollment payment will be prorated by the number of school days remaining in the month and subsequent payments will resume according to Part C. Any further failure to make payments will result in permanent removal from the program for that year. If applicable, the parent can reapply for Ropes PK the following year.

Selection Procedures:

I- Head Start: Families must complete the Head Start application. HS will determine Income Qualifiers and Over-Income based on the metrics provided by the Office of Head Start in Washington, D.C. Ropes ISD will accept Income Qualifiers first. HS will allow up to 49% of the class to be Over-Income. This group will be HS applicants, Over-Income, and reside in the district. They will be selected by HS based on the Point System. Ropes ISD will honor the HS selection process.

II-Resident Families: Families that complete a HS Application, live in the district, and are Over-Income but do not get accepted into Head Start will be offered the Tuition-Based option first. The order of selection for Tuition Based will be determined by the HS Point System and the date of the application.

III-Non-Resident Families with Siblings attending: Families that complete a HS Application, do not live in the district, are Over-Income, do not get accepted into Head Start but have other children attending Ropes ISD will be offered the Tuition-Based option. The order of selection for Tuition Based will be determined by the HS Point System and the date of the application.

IV-Non=Resident Families: Families that complete a HS Application, do not live in the district, are Over-Income and do not get accepted into Head Start will be offered the Tuition-Based option. The order of selection will be determined by the HS Point System and the date of the application.

Note: *A child may qualify for PK 4 via the State Funded Option (Part B) but they must complete a Head Start Application, Most of those conditions will qualify the student for HS. If not and they are a resident In Ropes ISD, they will be classified as a Resident Family (II). If they are not a resident, then they will be considered under Part III or IV depending on their qualifications.*

Tuition-Based Contract

I _____ (child's guardian) am officially enrolling my child _____ into the Ropes ISD Tuition-Based PK Program. I agree to make 10 payments of $500 starting in August of 2022 through May of 2023 for a total of $5000. Failure to make payments on the 1st of each month will result in the conditions of Part C2 being enacted.

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(Parent Signature) (Date)

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(School Official) (Date)