TEXARKANA
Independent School District

Application and Selection Information
Kindergarten 2027-2028
MARTHA AND JOSH MORRISS MATHEMATICS & ENGINEERING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submit the attached application between November 2, 2026 and January 8, 2027 either electronically or in person at the TISD Welcome Center.
- Applicants will be scheduled to take the math and reading readiness assessment in mid January 2027.
- After completing the assessment, families will be notified by mail of acceptance status no later than February 26, 2027.
- Parents of selected students must return the entrance agreement and registration documents by March 12, 2027.

SELECTION PROCESS

Kindergarten selection is determined using a scoring rubric. Points are awarded based on the student's performance on the required readiness assessments, sibling or parent employee status, and TISD district residency. Applicants with the highest composite score are selected for admittance.

Assessments will be given by appointment. The tentative dates for entrance testing are Saturday, January 30 and February 6, 2027. Students must complete the assessment on one of the designated dates to be eligible for selection. In January, staff will notify parents of their child's assigned appointment.

Additional rubric points will be given to applicants according to the following criteria:

- Applicants with siblings enrolled at Morriss Elementary in kindergarten through grade 4 during the 2026-27 school year
- Applicants with parents who are full-time employees at Morriss Elementary
- Applicants who are TISD residents, as established by a matching address on the two requested documents

The district may offer a second testing opportunity if there are vacancies after the initial assessment. A student may only take the readiness assessment twice.

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Kindergarten Application for Enrollment

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Texarkana Independent School District is an open enrollment district with no required attendance zone for this school. Students selected for this school must meet advanced academic performance, have acceptable conduct and excellent attendance.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year_____ Gender: ❑ M ❑ F

** Students must be five years old by September 1, 2027 to be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment in TISD.*

School Currently Attending: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Street Address *City* *State* *Zip*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is either Parent/Guardian a Morriss employee: ❑ Yes ❑ No

Name of sibling(s) attending Morriss (if any): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

RESIDENCY

Proof of residence is required with all applications. Applications submitted without proof of residence will be considered incomplete and may not be considered for selection. Documentation for proof of residence includes: current driver's license or photo identification **AND** either a current utility statement, lease agreement, or tax appraisal statement.

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

TISD Welcome Center
2208 Kennedy Lane Texarkana, TX 75503
Phone: (903)794-8473 ext. 1030
Fax: (903)791-2995
enrollTISD@txkisd.net

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY **DATE RECEIVED:**

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KINDERGARTEN INDICATORS FOR SUCCESS

MATHEMATICS READINESS ASSESSMENT

THE CHILD CAN...

- Read numbers from 0 to at least 20
- Write numbers from 0 to at least 20
- Represent numbers from 0 to at least 20
- Compose and decompose numbers up to 10
- Solve word problems using objects and drawings to find sums up to 10 and differences within 10
- Compare sets of objects and numbers up to at least 20 in each set using comparative language
- Comparative language includes; more than, less than, greater than, fewer than, and equal to
- Identify attributes of two-dimensional shapes
- Draw conclusions from picture graphs
- Demonstrate basic number sense with numbers 0-20 to include but not limited to:
  - Counting forward and backward with and without objects
  - Counting sets of objects
  - Recognize instantly the quantity of a small group of objects in organized and random arrangements

READING READINESS ASSESSMENT

THE CHILD CAN...

- Identify uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet
- Identify and match the common sounds that letters represent
- Listen to a simple story and answer questions about what they heard
- Write their first name legibly
- Blend given word parts (Example: You make the sounds /m/ /a/ /p/. The child says map.)
- Read simple high frequency words
- Decode or read simple vowel consonant or consonant vowel consonant words (example: in, cat, pot)

The assessments are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Kindergarten as well as the Pre-K Guidelines. These can be found on the Texas Education Association website at **www.tea.texas.gov** by selecting the A-Z index and either TEKS by Grade or Pre-Kindergarten/Texas PreKindergarten Guidelines.

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INFORMATIONAL SESSION & OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY JANUARY 5
5:30 PM

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