

Qualifying for free pre-K is a two-step process: 1) a child must meet age, and 2) meet eligibility requirements. The child must be:

- [illegible]

- www.e3alliance.org

Children with no documentation of US Citizenship ARE eligible for pre-K!

Children with a disability may qualify for District Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities through a different school evaluation process. Ask your school district.

What if my child is not 4 years old by September 1st?

Some districts serve children who are 3 years old as of September 1st. Ask your school district. Anyone can also access a FREE parent guide to school readiness at e3alliance.org/pre-k. It provides easy-to-use tools to help your child successfully prepare to enter school. You can also call 2-1-1 for a referral to a high-quality childcare center that offers pre-K programming.

What if my child doesn't qualify for free pre-K?

Families who do not qualify for free pre-K can call 2-1-1 for a referral to high-quality childcare centers that offer pre-K programming and Workforce Childcare solutions with financial assistance, in some cases. Many districts also offer tuition slots for children who do not qualify for free pre-K. Ask your district. Also, any caregiver can access a FREE parent guide to school readiness at e3alliance.org/pre-k. It provides easy-to-use tools to help your child prepare to enter school.

Do parents have to be U.S. citizens?

No. Also, schools do not ask for immigration status of children. Children born in other countries ARE eligible for free pre-K.

Is there a lottery system to get in?

No! All children who meet eligibility requirements can enroll.



What phone number do I call to enroll my child?

Contact your school district at the number below. Some districts offer tuition slots for non-eligible students so ask if you would like to participate!

Austin ISD 512-414-PREK 3 & 4 year olds accepted	Hays CISD 512-268-2141 x 46038	Pflugerville ISD 512-594-0130
Bastrop ISD 512-772-7100	Hutto ISD 512-759-3771 x 1004	Round Rock ISD 512-464-5024
Del Valle ISD 512-386-3032	Lake Travis ISD 512-533-6023	San Marcos CISD 512-393-6031
Elgin ISD 512-281-3457	Leander ISD 512-570-0320	Smithville ISD 512-237-2519
Georgetown ISD 512-943-5080 press 0	Lockhart ISD 512-398-0000	Taylor ISD 512-352-2275
Manor ISD 512-278-4100 3 & 4 year olds accepted		

What documentation do I need to provide to enroll my child?

To enroll in a public school pre-K program, parents must provide the following documents:

1. Child's official birth certificate
 - a. Schools do not ask for immigration status of children. If a child is born in another country, parents can provide that birth certificate. If a child does not have a birth certificate, parents can instead provide any **one (1)** of the following documents:
 - A statement of the child's date of birth issued by the division of the Texas Department of State Health Services responsible for vital statistics for school admission purposes,
 - Passport,

- School ID card, records, or report card,
 - Military ID,
 - Hospital birth record,
 - Adoption records,
 - Church baptismal record, or
 - Any other legal document that establishes identity and age.
2. Child's up-to-date immunization record.
 3. Current proof of address: *like a utility bill, lease or tax bill with parent name and address.*
 4. Parent/guardian photo identification.
 5. To establish eligibility based on status, one (1) of the following documents may be required:
 - a. Current proof of family income: *like a current paycheck stub or pay envelope; a letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often they are paid; unemployment document; Worker's Compensation or Disability payment stub; **OR** documentation of eligibility for SNAP or TANF benefits.*
 - b. For current or former foster children, a letter from DFPS.
 - c. For children of active members of the Armed Forces, a copy of mom or dad's Department of Defense ID or a statement of service.
 - d. For homeless or migrant children, parents will complete a residency questionnaire or migrant survey at time of registration.
 - e. For children of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical first responder, a copy of official documentation.

What if I don't have all of these documents?

You'll need these necessary documents to officially enroll your child, but your school will work with you to make sure you have everything you need. Call your school or school district and let them know what you have and don't have.

What is the deadline for enrolling?

Schools enroll all year long! It is best to enroll your child over the summer so that he/she can attend all year, but if you don't enroll before the school year starts, you can still enroll your child in the fall, winter, or even spring.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD GO TO PRE-K?

Why is pre-K important?

Pre-K activities build the foundation of academic and social/emotional skills needed for school success. Students who attend pre-K are less likely to repeat a grade or receive special education services. AND students who attend pre-K have higher graduation rates and even higher wages as adults!

Will my child like Pre-K?

Most children love pre-K, so your child probably will, too. Children enjoy meeting and playing with friends, learning letters and numbers, playing games, listening to and making up stories, playing outside, and learning from a loving, caring teacher.

OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT PRE-K

What happens in pre-K?

Children participate in individual and group activities like story time, learning centers, music and movement lessons, art projects, and letter and number lessons. Children also play with friends and practice learning with other children. In pre-K, children build creativity and curiosity, and learn problem-solving skills. This will help your child be ready for school on his/her first day of Kindergarten!

What are the hours of public school pre-K, and where are classes held?

Class times vary by school district. In general, “full-day” pre-K is about 6 hours a day, and “part-time” pre-K is about 3 hours a day. Ask your school district for exact times.

Is there a bus to take my child to pre-K?

Some schools provide transportation to/from schools. Call your school or school district to check.





Is after-school care provided?

After-school childcare may or may not be available. Ask your school or school district.

What if my child does not speak English well?

That's okay! The classes will help your child learn English so that he/she is ready for Kindergarten.

How much does pre-K cost?

For families that meet eligibility requirements, pre-K is free! (See eligibility requirements on the second page.) Some schools offer tuition slots for students who don't meet the eligibility requirements for free pre-K. Ask your school or school district.

What can I do at home to help my child be ready for Kindergarten?

Children get ready for school at home by listening, talking, playing and loving. Simple things you can do with children can make a big difference. E3 Alliance has a free School Readiness Parent Guide you can download with easy-to-use tools to prepare your child for school. It's in English and Spanish. Visit e3alliance.org/pre-k.



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