



Tuition-Based Prekindergarten Frequently Asked Questions

ELIGIBILITY

How do I know if my child is eligible for non-qualifying tuition-based Prekindergarten?

1. *Child must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st of the school year in which you are applying, and*
2. *Does not qualify for the state eligible free, Prekindergarten program, and*
3. *Lives within the Cleburne ISD boundaries, or*
4. *Parent is an employee of Cleburne ISD.*

ENROLLMENT

I am a CISD employee. Is my child eligible to enroll?

Yes, Cleburne ISD employees will have the first option to enroll.

Cleburne ISD residents will have the option to enroll for remaining spots on a first come first serve basis.

I am a CISD employee but I live outside of the Cleburne ISD district. Can I enroll my child?

Yes, Cleburne ISD employees will have the first option to enroll. You will need to complete an Out-of-District Transfer request in addition to the enrollment packet to be eligible.

What documents are required to enroll my child in the Prekindergarten program.

*Completed application,
Enrollment Agreement,
Agreement of Attendance for Prekindergarten,
Copy of Birth Certificate,
Immunization Record,
Social Security Card (Child's)
Parent Driver License, and
Proof of Residency*

APPLICATION

How do I apply?

Applications will be available beginning Monday, April 15, 2019. Applications can be downloaded from the district website and will be available at all elementary

campuses.

Completed applications may be returned to the following people:

***Central Office – Cheri McCullough
Cleburne High School - Amy Brady
Smith Middle School – Melissa Rivas
Wheat Middle School – Robbie Hutchins
Adams Elementary – Amanda Vasquez
Coleman Elementary – Haley Bullard
Cooke Elementary – Isamar Velasquez
Gerard Elementary – Nikki Byford
Irving elementary – Rocio Chavez
Marti Elementary – Suzie Doty
Santa Fe Elementary – Marealbe Velasques***

Student Services will notify parents by letter regarding acceptance to the program or of placement on the waiting list. Upon acceptance, a \$100.00 deposit is required. This deposit will be credited toward the first monthly payment due in August.

The waiting 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.

For further information, please contact Cheri McCullough at Student Services 817-202-1128.

TUITION

What is the cost associated with CISD tuition- based Prekindergarten?

Annual Tuition for the Prekindergarten program is \$3,850.00 divided into 10 monthly payments of \$385.00 starting in August, with the last payment due in May.

I am a CISD employee. Does this make my child exempt from paying the tuition if my child does not qualify for free Prekindergarten?

No, but CISD employees' children can attend at an employee rate of \$3,300.00 divided into 10 monthly payments of \$ 330.00 starting in August with the last payment due in May.

What is the tuition payment process?

Monthly tuition is due on the 1st school day of each month. Payments can be made through mail or in person to:

*Student Services – Cleburne ISD
Prekindergarten Tuition
505 N. Ridgeway, Suite 100
Cleburne, Texas 76033
817-202-1128*

Cleburne ISD employees can utilize the payroll deduction system per pay period.

What will happen if I am late paying the tuition for Prekindergarten?

Monthly tuition is due on the 1st school day of each month. Payments received after the close of business (4:00 p.m.) on the 1st school day of each month may be charged a \$20.00 late payment fee. Tuition that is past due for 30 days may result in the student being withdrawn from the program.

How do I claim the tuition payment on my taxes?

Parents should keep cancelled checks and/or receipts as proof of childcare claims and consult your CPA as CISD does not provide a separate document to use for your taxes.

Can a family switch from tuition-based to state- funded Prekindergarten if their circumstances change during the school year?

Yes, if the family circumstances change during the school year that results in the family qualifying for the state funded Pre-Kindergarten they will need speak with the school office, fill out a Pre-Kindergarten application and provide documentation that they now qualify under the state guidelines. Previously paid tuition is not refunded.

ATTENDANCE

How will attendance requirements affect the Tuition-Based Program?

Students enrolled in Prekindergarten are required to attend school and are subject to compulsory attendance requirements. Failure to comply with compulsory attendance will generate an investigation and reporting of violations of the state compulsory attendance law. A student absence without permission from school; from any class; from required special programs will be considered in violation of the compulsory attendance law and subject to disciplinary action.

TRANSPORTATION

Is transportation provided for Prekindergarten students?

Yes! Transportation will be provided in accordance with current CISD transportation policy CNA(LEGAL). Transportation will be provided morning, and after school for “Regular eligible students”

“Regular eligible student” means a student who resides two or more miles from the student’s campus of regular attendance, measured along the shortest route that may be traveled on public roads, and who is not classified as a student eligible for special

education services. Education Code 42.155(b)(1)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

What schedule will the Prekindergarten Tuition-Based program follow?

The CISD Prekindergarten Tuition-Based will be a full day program and will follow the district's calendar. Full Day Prekindergarten class will follow the start and release time of each campus. CISD attendance will be in effect.

Will we be required to provide student school supplies?

Yes. A Prekindergarten school supply list can be accessed using the following link [Prekindergarten School Supply List](#)

What curriculum is used in the Prekindergarten Tuition- Based Program?

The Prekindergarten guidelines from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) are the core of the Prekindergarten curriculum. They are aligned with the Kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to assure that students have the developmental and academic skills to be successful in Kindergarten. These guidelines offer teachers detailed learning expectations across ten multiple skill domains that should be demonstrated by children by the end of the Prekindergarten year. Skill domains include: language and communication, social /emotional development, emergent literacy reading, emergent literacy writing, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts physical development and health and technology.

Owl curriculum is the state adopted curriculum for Prekindergarten in CISD. Additional educational resources used are Handwriting Without Tears, STEMscopes, and CLI Engage for Assessment purposes.

Are meals provided?

Breakfast is free and lunch can be purchased for an additional fee or the child may bring a sack lunch. Parents are welcome to send a nutritious snack for snack time.

What will the class size be?

The maximum size is 22 students.

How many teachers will be in the class and what are their qualifications/education?

There will be one certified teacher and one trained teacher assistant in each classroom.

If you have additional questions about Prekindergarten, you can direct them to the Student Services Department at 817-202-1128.