

A large white banner with the word "WELCOME!" in bold, 3D white letters. The banner is surrounded by a shower of colorful confetti in shades of red, blue, yellow, and pink.

WELCOME!

Pre-Kindergarten Parent Meeting March 5, 2025



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Agenda



- ☐ Pre-K Program Overview
- ☐ Why should I enroll my student in Pre-K?
- ☐ What options are available in Hays CISD Pre-K?
- ☐ How do I apply?
- ☐ How do I get help if I need it?

Pre-K Program Overview



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Great things are happening in Pre-K!!





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Hays CISD Pre-K

2024 - 2025

- 893 Pre-K student currently enrolled
- 16 Elementary Campuses
- Special Education Services
- Multilingual including Bilingual/ESL Support



Pre-K Program



1 Highly Qualified Teacher	Age appropriate technology available for classroom use
1 Instructional Aide	Field Trips (when applicable; parent permission required)
11:1 Ratio; Cap of 22 students	Access to family and student educational resources

...and more!!

Pre-K Curriculum



- District curriculum follows the [Texas Pre-K Guidelines](#)
- We use the CIRCLE and Letter Names/Sounds assessments

SAVVAS

TEXAS  Edition

Three Cheers
for Pre-K

Uno, dos, tres
¡Prekinder!



Sample Full Day Schedule



7:05-7:30	Arrival / Morning Activities
25 minutes (7:35-8:00)	Breakfast
15 minutes (8:00-8:15)	Morning Meeting / Interactive Writing
15 minutes (8:15-8:30)	Heggerty
30 minutes (8:30-9:00)	Circle Time (Language Arts) Read Aloud/Shared Reading/Phonics
60 minutes (9:00-10:00)	Centers (Cross Content)
30 minutes (10:00-10:30)	Circle Time (Math)
30 minutes (10:30-11:00)	Lunch (Teacher Lunch)
30 minutes (11:00-11:30)	Recess
30 minutes (11:30-12:00)	Circle Time (Social Studies)
45 minutes (12:00-12:45)	Specials (Teacher Conference Time)
30 minutes (12:45-1:15)	Quiet Time (Assistant's Lunch)
20 minutes (1:15-1:35)	Music and Movement / Outside Time
30 minutes (1:35-2:05)	Centers (Cross Content)
30 minutes (2:05-2:35)	Circle Time (Science)
10 minutes (2:35-2:45)	Afternoon Meeting
10 minutes (2:45-3:00)	Dismissal Procedures

School Supply List



Pre-K School Supply List



Pre-K Support Services



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Health Services



2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Childcare and Pre-k Facilities

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements for childcare facilities by the Human Resources Code, Chapter 42.

A child shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a childcare facility in Texas.

Age at which child must have vaccines to be in compliance:	Minimum Number of Doses Required of Each Vaccine							
	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis (DTaP)	Polio	Hepatitis B (HepB) ¹	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) ²	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) ³	Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) ^{1,4}	Varicella ^{1,4,5}	Hepatitis A (HepA) ^{1,4}
Zero through two months								
By three months	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose	One dose			
By five months	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses			
By seven months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses			
By 16 months	Three doses	Two doses	Two doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	
By 19 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	
By 25 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	One dose
By 43 months	Four doses	Three doses	Three doses	Three doses	Four doses	One dose	One dose	Two doses

- Vaccines are required for students who attend the 2025-2026 school year.
- Vaccines must be updated as of the current age of your child
- [Pre-K Vaccine Requirements](#)

Child Nutrition

- Lunch menu available
- Free or reduced lunch for eligible students
- Support with going through the line
- Students may bring their own lunch
- Free/Reduced Lunch Applications will be available in August 2025.



Transportation

- Only available for eligible students under free State-funded Pre-K Program
- Fill out the Transportation form when registering online
- Register your student with SMART TAG
- Student must go to the school they are zoned for
- Access routing information after August 2025



Transportation

- Once registration is complete, it will take 2 weeks to process your request.
- If you register before July 31st, you will be able to receive transportation the first week of school.
- If you register after July 31st, you will receive transportation after the second week of school.



Special Education Services



- All students can apply for Pre-K
- Parent request for Speech/Special Education evaluation when registering for Pre-K will be processed after the first day of school.
- All procedures for Special Education referrals will be followed and not all requests will result in an evaluation.
- Students receiving private therapy will not always qualify for school therapy. Students need to be evaluated for eligibility in school.



Special Education Services



- Parents registering for Pre-K with Special Education records can email:
 - Michelle.Velasquez@hayscisd.net
 - Sylvia.Castillo-Garcia@hayscisd.net
- Someone from the Special Education office will reach out regarding any requests made for evaluation and/or services.



Multilingual Services

- Home Language Survey
- Language testing provided in May and during the summer (if applicable)
- Bilingual Services
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Services
- Dual Language Services



Why should I enroll my child in Pre-K?



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Benefits of Pre-K



Academic Growth

- Children who participate in Pre-K programs are better prepared to start school.
- They score higher on reading and math tests in Kindergarten.

Social Development

- Children who attend Pre-K have better attendance, fewer behavior problems and make friends easily.
- Children are exposed to early learning activities that boost creativity, problem solving, and social development.

A Successful Future

- Pre-K students are more likely to finish high school, get a job, and earn more money.



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*The Urban Child Institute
City Health, an initiative of the de Beaumont Foundation and Kaiser Permanente
The National Institute for Early Education Research at the Graduate School of Education*

In Pre-K, children spend time...



Learning the letter names and sounds

Reading stories

Making friends

Writing their names

Singing songs, chants, and nursery rhymes

Counting 1-30

Listening and following directions

Running, jumping, dancing

Developing oral language

Dramatizing



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Attendance Matters in Pre-K



Once a student is enrolled in Pre-K, he/she must attend school and follow the exact compulsory attendance requirements like other Hays CISD students.

- Studies show that students who miss too many days in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade can **struggle academically** in later grades. They often have **trouble mastering reading** by the end of third grade.
- Preschool is a great time to start building a **habit of good attendance**. Studies show how poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades.
- By middle and high school chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will **drop out**.

How do I apply?



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Flowchart



Parent brings child to register, child is 4 years old on or before
September 1, 2025 to register?

YES

Parent completes online registration application and
uploads relevant documents

Must meet one of the following
eligibility requirements:

- Language OR
- Income OR
- Homeless OR
- Foster Care OR
- Military

NO

Child is not eligible for
Pre-K?

Parent can apply for Community
Tuition-Based Option

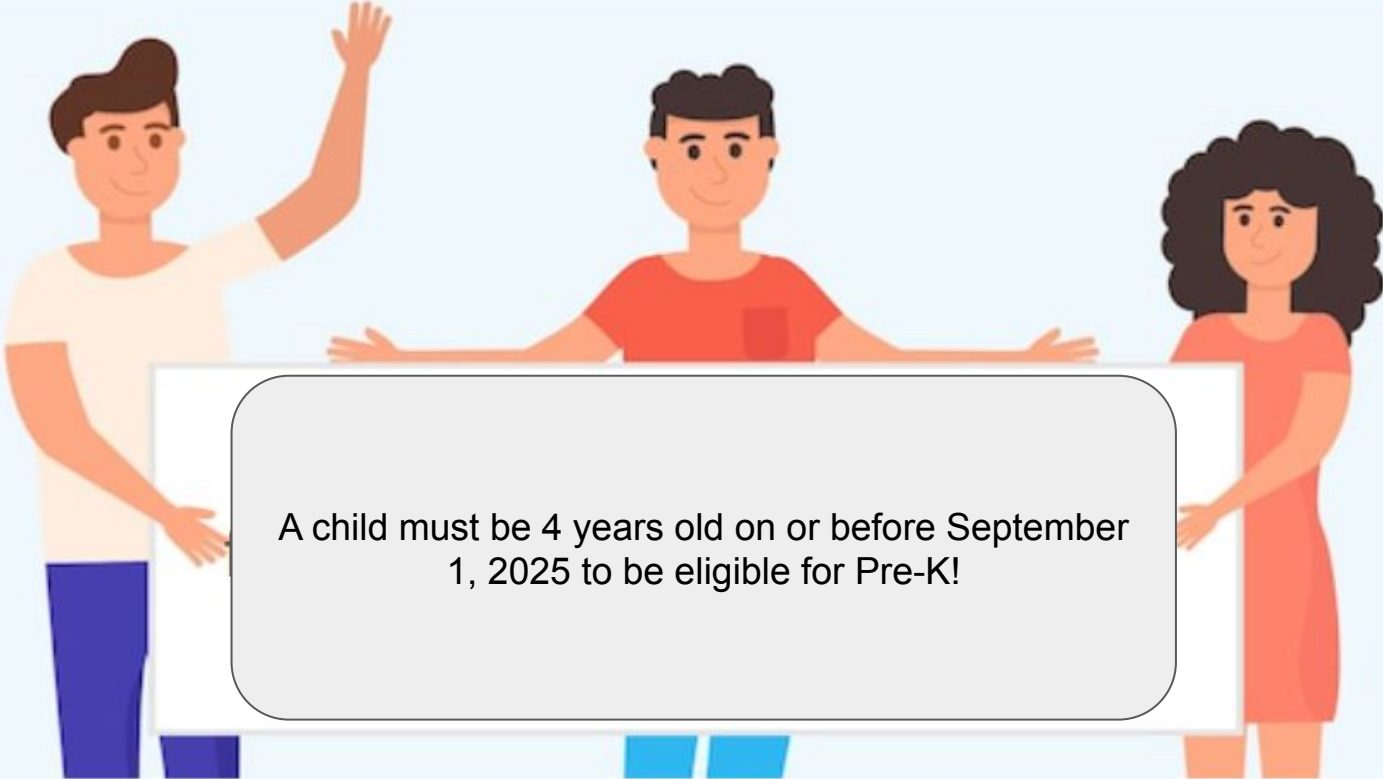
YES

Eligible child will be placed in class
after June 23rd

Timeline



Online Registration opens	April 1st
Deadline to be considered for classroom placement	June 18th
Application and relevant documents are verified at the campus and district levels	April - August
Placement process begins	June 23rd
First Days of School	August 13th



A child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025 to be eligible for Pre-K!

TEA Eligibility Requirements



Be unable to speak and understand English	Be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces
Be economically disadvantaged , which includes being eligible for the National School Lunch Program	Be the child of a member of the armed forces who was injured or killed while serving on active duty
Be homeless	Have been in the care of the Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care)
Be the child of a person who received the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical first responder	

Pre-K Application Process



Step 1: Register

Step 2: Eligibility

Step 3: Confirmation

Pre-K Application Process

Online
Registration
opens April 1,
2025 at 8:00 AM!



Step 1: Register

Step 2: Eligibility

Step 3: Confirmation



Student
Online
Registration

Language
English ▼

User ID *

Your username

Password *

Login Forgot User ID Forgot Password

[Create PSS Account for New Family](#)

New Families: If you have never had a student enrolled at Hays CISD, create a Parent Self-Serve Account.

- Complete the online application using the [Hays CISD Student Registration Website](#)

EE Parent Pre-K Application Process

Online
Registration
opens April 25,
2024 at 8:00 AM!



Step 1: Register

Step 2: Eligibility

Step 3: Confirmation

**EE Family
Guidance:
Must select
Pre-K in
the
dropdown
of the
online
application**

Student Information

Enrollment Request School Year * 2024-2025

Enrollment Request Grade Level * PK

Enrollment Request Campus *

Social Security Number

Birthdate

Student Last Name

their zoned or approved transfer campus. Please
campus you select from the menu. If you have
returning student, please verify their information

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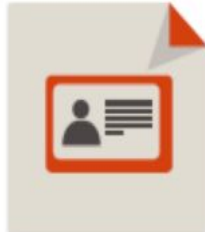
- Upload the appropriate documents as you fill out the online registration application.
- Once you submit your application, all documents will be verified and eligibility will be determined based on the information provided.



Birth Certificate



Proof of Address



Parent ID



Immunization Record



Social Security Card

Hays CISD Pre-K Qualification Documentation Guide for Parents

*** AGE MUST BE 4 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 ***



Qualifier		Required Documentation
Income	Receives SNAP benefits	▪ Current SNAP benefit letter
	Receives TANF benefits	▪ Current TANF benefit letter
	Employed	▪ Recent Paystub or ▪ Signed and dated letter from employer listing pay amount, frequency
	Self-Employed	▪ Recent Paystub or ▪ Hays CISD Statement of Self-Employment Form (request from campus)
	Unemployed	▪ Unemployment Benefits Letter or ▪ Disability Letter or ▪ Hays CISD Affidavit of No Income Form (request from campus)
Military	Active Duty	▪ DoD photo identification card for child or military member** or ▪ Statement of service from installation adjutant general director of HR
	State or Reserved Forces	▪ Statement of service from installation adjutant general director of human resources
	Service Member Killed while on Active Duty	▪ Death certificate using DoD form or ▪ Other DoD form indicating death as reason for separation of service
	Service Member Injured while on Active Duty	▪ Purple Heart orders or citation or ▪ Line of duty determination documentation or ▪ Letter from a commander stating service member wounded or injured or ▪ Letter from VA indicating service member eligible for disability compensation
	Service Member is Missing in Action	▪ Documentation that service member is MIA
Star of Texas	Star of Texas Award Recipient – peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical first responder seriously injured or killed in line of duty.	▪ Certification or ▪ Letter from the Governor or ▪ Letter from local representative or ▪ Notification from TEA or TX Criminal Justice Division of nomination
Foster Care	Student ever been in TX DFPS conservatorship or foster care in another state	TX DFPS Verification Letter of PK Eligibility or Other state DFPS document indicating student was or is in conservatorship
Residency	Student is homeless	Counselor determines if student meets this criterion. Eligibility is based on residency status as of August of the enrolling school year
Language	Student is Limited English Proficient	Campus LPAC administrator determines based on testing
3-Year Old TX Public School PK in prior year	Student was eligible for and attended a 3-year old <u>non-tuition</u> PK program at a TX public school in the prior school yr.	Prior TX public school records indicating student <u>attended</u> a 3-year old <u>non-tuition</u> PK program during the prior school year.

Pre-K Application Process

Step 1: Register

Step 2: Eligibility

Step 3: Confirmation



- Your application and documents will be verified
- You will receive a confirmation email of your child's Pre-K qualification status.

Important Deadline



- To be considered for placement in a Pre-K classroom, your online registration application must be **complete and verified by:**

June 18, 2024

Placement Hierarchy



Priority of Placement



Qualified/Eligible



Employee Tuition



Community Tuition

Campus placement will begin after July 5th providing enough time to notify your daycare before the first day of school on August 2025 within a 30-day-period.

Tuition Based Pre-K Options



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Employee Tuition Based



- Hays CISD will offer an Employee Tuition Based Option for the 2025 - 2026 school year!
- Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- *Spots will be granted based on 100% completion of online registration application and verified documents on or before June 18, 2025*
- *Tuition Cost: \$100 Application Fee + monthly payment*
- *For more information contact 512-268-2141 or email prekregistration@hayscisd.net*

Community Tuition Based



- Hays CISD will offer a Community Tuition Based Option for the 2025 - 2026 school year!
- Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2025
- First come/First served - Based on AVAILABLE space
 - *Spots will be granted based on 100% completion of online registration application and verified documents on or before June 18, 2025*

Community Tuition Based



- **Tuition Cost**
 - Estimated \$660/mo. (\$6160 annually)
 - There may be a slight increase or decrease based on the Texas Education Agency's confirmation of our new rate before the school year begins.
- Upon 100% completion of your application and required documents, you can pay a deposit of \$760 to prioritize your child seat and notify your daycare within the 30 day period.



Attend 1 of 2 Centralized In-person Saturday Events

Dates: Saturday, April 5, 2025 OR
Saturday, May 17, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Hays CISD Academic Support Center
21003 Interstate 35 Frontage RD., Kyle, TX



Daily Ongoing Pre-K Registration Support

Academic Support Center

- Dates: April 1st - May 22nd
- Times: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Provided by Pre-K Team
- By appointment
- Parents will receive:
 - Online application support
 - Document verification
 - Language Testing
 - Transportation support
 - Specialized Program Support

Home Campus Support

- Dates: April 1st - PEIMS Clerks last contract day
- Time: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- All campuses are expected to assist parents with registration (PEIMS Clerks, Attendance Clerks, Nurses)
- Parents will receive:
 - Device access
 - Document verification

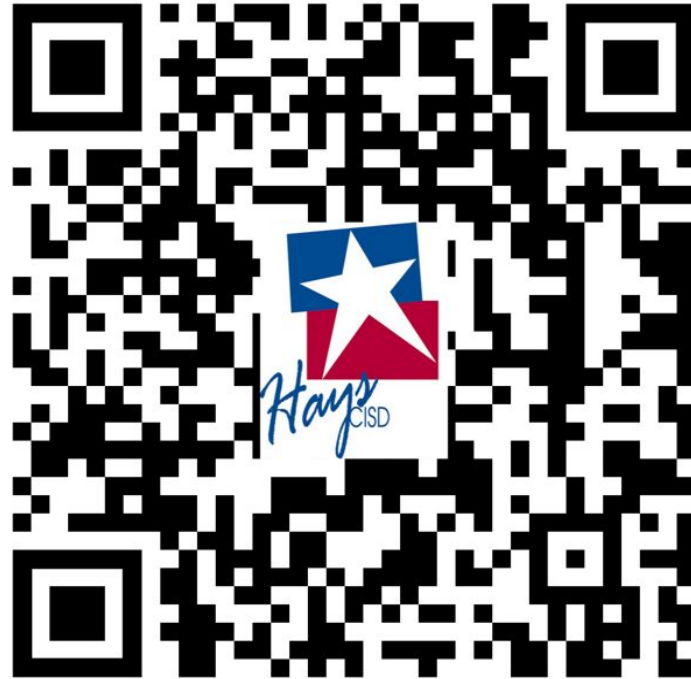
Parent Survey



WE WANT

YOUR

FEEDBACK



Questions



Visit HaysCISD.net/PreK for more information
about what to bring

Questions? Email PreKRegistration@HaysCISD.net



Contact Information:

LaShun Gaines

Early Intervention Coordinator

lashun.gaines@hayscisd.net

Phone: (512) 268-2141

Extension: 46038

Thank you for attending!

