

COLUMBUS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



2016-2017 Schools for Early Learning Prepare Children for Success

Five Days a Week * 8:00am-3:10pm



Prekindergarten Program For Four-Year-Old Children

The Columbus Independent School District offers a full-day educational program for children who reside in the Columbus ISD attendance area and will turn four years old on or before September 2016.



Eligibility/Tuition

Any four-year-old child may attend Prekindergarten in Columbus ISD. It is requested that your child is potty-trained. The District does not charge tuition for those children who meet one of the eligibility criteria established by the Texas Education Agency:

- Limited proficiency in English
- Qualify for free or reduced-price lunch
- Homeless, as defined by SEC. 103 [42 USC 11302]
- Parent on active duty or killed or injured while on active duty
- Foster care

For those Prekindergarten students who are not eligible in one or more of the categories described above, there is a tuition charge. The tuition is \$3,000.00 annually or \$300.00 per month payable for ten months. A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 will also be collected. Tuition scholarships are available and will be evaluated individually.

Scholarships are available for district employees and families with households with two children in the program. (Please see Scholarship Application).

Staff

Each class will be staffed with a certified teacher with access to a paraprofessional as well. Additional staff is available to work with special needs children.



Enrollment

Enrollment is for the entire year and begins on the first day of school. Once enrolled, state compulsory attendance rules apply.

Prekindergarten Orientation

All parents will attend Prekindergarten Orientation with their children before the first day of school. The session is designed to meet the teachers and staff, learn about the curriculum, and visit the classrooms. The date will be released in the summer with a letter going out to each parent.

Registration

Registration will be held in the Spring.



The following items must be presented to register a child for the Prekindergarten program:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. Proof of residence in the CISD (light bill, cable bill, voter registration, lease agreement, etc.)
4. Health records/immunizations-evidence of the following immunizations is required at registration:



Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (DPT);
Haemophilus Influenzae; Measles; Mumps;
Rubella; Polio; Varicella (Chickenpox);
Hepatitis B-Three (3) doses are required;
Hepatitis A-Two (2) doses; and
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV-7)

5. Parent identification with current address
6. Military orders
7. Foster care letter



Transportation



Buses are available to transport children to and from school.

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For additional information, please visit our website at www.columbusisd.org.