

Prekindergarten and Head Start Enrollment

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO WE QUALIFY FOR FREE PREKINDERGARTEN IN LUBBOCK ISD?

To be eligible for free prekindergarten a child must:

- Be four years of age on or before September 1 of the school year
- Live within the boundaries of the Lubbock Independent school district

AND meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be homeless
- Be unable to speak or understand English
- Be economically disadvantaged
- Be the child of an active-duty member of the U.S. military or one who has been killed, injured, or missing in action while on active duty
- Is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing
- Be the child of a nominee for the Star of Texas Award

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IS FULL?

If there are more applicants than spaces available for a campus, students from the home attendance zone will receive priority and be placed first.

If there are more applicants within the home attendance zone than spaces available, there will be a computer generated random selection.

Students not able to be placed at the home campus will be offered a space at a nearby campus with space available.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR PREKINDERGARTEN?

Step one is to complete the online registration forms. Online registration can be found at www.lubbockisd.org.

Once online registration is complete the following documents must be taken to the child's home campus for verification:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency (utility bill with address)
- Social Security Card (if available)

Finally, you must complete an eligibility appointment.

A child's space at a campus is not guaranteed until online registration, document verification and an eligibility appointment have all been completed.

WHAT IF I WANT MY CHILD TO ATTEND PREKINDERGARTEN AT A CAMPUS OTHER THAN THEIR HOME SCHOOL?

Once all eligible children living in the home attendance zone are placed, transfer requests will be considered in the following order:

- Children with siblings that attend the requested campus
- Qualifying students that live within the Lubbock ISD attendance zone
- Tuition paying students that live within the Lubbock ISD attendance zone
- Out of district students

If there are more students who request a transfer than there are spaces available, spaces will be assigned using a computer generated random selection.

**WHAT PROOF OF INCOME DO I NEED TO BRING
TO MY ELIGIBILITY APPOINTMENT?**

The following documents are acceptable as proof of income:

- Current paycheck stub
- Letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often they are paid
- Unemployment, Worker's Compensation or Disability payment stub
- Last year's tax return

**DOES LUBBOCK ISD OFFER PREKINDERGARTEN
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS?**

Lubbock ISD Head Start enrolls three-year-old children at Alderson Elementary and Ervin Elementary. The child must reside in the Alderson or Ervin attendance zone and they must qualify for Head Start in order to attend. (The registration process for three-year-olds is the same as those stated on page one.)

