

# Tuition-Based Enrollment

## PREKINDERGARTEN FAQ

Tuition-based students can only be enrolled into an HISD prekindergarten program once all eligible students have been enrolled. There is no guarantee a tuition-based program will be available as it is based on the enrollment of eligible students, which varies from year to year.

### HOW DO I ENROLL MY PRE-K CHILD INTO A TUITION-BASED PRE-K PROGRAM IN HISD?

Parent/Guardian can apply online at <https://hisdchoice.com/login> or submit a completed paper application to the Office of School Choice. Paper applications can be requested by calling 713-556-6734 or download at [houstonisd.org/Page/122068](http://houstonisd.org/Page/122068)

Applicants will be notified after June 21, 2020 for Phase 3 TEA non-eligible PK 4 tuition on a space available basis.

### HOW MUCH IS THE TUITION-BASED PRE-K PROGRAM IN HISD?

The current 2020-2021 tuition rate for Pre-K is \$5,534 for the 10-month academic year.

### IS THERE A PAYMENT PLAN FOR THE TUITION-BASED PRE-K PROGRAM IN HISD?

The payment plan is broken-up into 9 payments of \$614.89 for the academic year. The parent will sign a Parent/District Agreement for Full Day Pre-K Tuition contract.

### WHAT IS THE TUITION PAYMENT PROCESS?

- Tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
- Tuition is paid on the campus your child attends, or through SchoolPay online
- Checks and money orders are accepted
- Credit cards are not accepted at this time

- Checks are made payable to *Campus/School Name* and should include student's name, parent's name, address and phone number
- Non-local or second-party checks are not accepted
- Checks returned by the bank are subject to a \$35 fee
- Schools should issue receipts to parents for monthly payments

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I AM LATE PAYING THE TUITION FOR PRE-K?

Failure to pay within specified timelines will result in the students' removal from the program. No bills or notices will be sent. Payment is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. The payment is considered late after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, and a \$25 late fee will be assessed.

### HOW DO I CLAIM THE TUITION PAYMENT ON MY TAXES?

Schools should issue receipts to parents for monthly payments. Parents should keep these receipts as proof of childcare claims for tax purposes. HISD does not provide a separate document to use for your taxes.

### I WORK FOR HISD. DOES THIS MAKE MY CHILD EXEMPT FROM PAYING THE TUITION IF MY CHILD DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR FREE PRE-K?

HISD employees' children who do not meet prekindergarten eligibility requirements are not exempt from paying the tuition fee. Pre-K in the state of Texas is for qualifying students. HISD does not receive funding for non-qualified students, so those students must pay tuition.