

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. Parents/Guardians will need to contact the campus directly to determine if there are spots available for non-eligible students to pay tuition to attend the campus program.

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

Parents/Guardians will need to contact individual campuses to determine if there are spots available for non-eligible (tuition paying) students. Campuses must enroll all eligible students first and then can choose to accept tuition paying students.

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

The current 2021-2022 tuition rate for Pre-K is \$5,675 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 \$630.56 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 1st 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 1st of the month. The payment is considered late after the 15th 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.