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# SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION FOR 2021-2022

Please complete all relevant sections of this application and either bring it in person or send it by mail to **Office of School Choice, 4400 W 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, TX 77092.** Applications must be received or postmarked **no later than April 30, 2021** for consideration in the first phase of applications and lotteries. Please review the application process on Page 3.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

## Section A - Student Information (must be completed for all applicants)

HISD ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ (May be found on student's HISD report card or by calling student's school.)

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Grade applying for \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (MMDDYYYY): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Female  Male

Ethnicity:  Hispanic/Latino  Not Hispanic/Latino

Race:  Asian  American Indian and Alaska Native  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
 White (This information is requested in accordance with the Public Education Information System and federal regulations)


Current school: \_\_\_\_\_ In HISD?  Yes  No Current grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Current language of instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language of instruction for 2021-2022 school year:  English  Spanish (bilingual classes are not available in all programs)

## Section B - Family Information (must be completed for all applicants)

With whom does the applicant live as a permanent resident? (Check one box.)

Both parents  Mother only  Father only  Mother & stepparent  Father & stepparent  Other

<b>Guardian #1 - Present address of student's parent or legal guardian (student domicile)</b>				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		
Address	Apt.	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone		
Email Address	 Email is <b>strongly recommended</b> for parent notification and to track application status.			
<b>Guardian #2 (Optional)</b>				
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		
Address	Apt.	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone		
Email Address				

If either parent/guardian is an **HISD employee**: Employee ID # \_\_\_\_\_ HISD email address: \_\_\_\_\_@houstonisd.org  
Per District Policy, out-of-district employees must currently contribute to the Texas Teacher Retirement System (TRS) to qualify as an in-district applicant.

In the event that your student is not offered a seat, would you like to be **contacted** by schools with space available?  Yes  No  
language would you prefer us to **communicate** with you?  English  Spanish

If you are a current HISD parent, you may opt in to receive **text messages** with reminders from us. If you wish to receive texts, please write your cell phone numbers in the spaces below. **Important:** before we can send you texts you must opt to receive them by texting "YES" on your cell to 68453. You may opt out at any time by texting "STOP" to the same number.

Please send text alerts to: cell phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section C – Siblings**

Please list below the details of any brothers or sisters of the applicant who will either be attending or are applying to one of the Same Program Choice programs as the applicant.

First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth (mmddyy)	In the case of multiple birth, do you prefer them to share a lottery number?		School Currently Attending	Current Grade
			Share	Separate		
			Share	Separate		
			Share	Separate		

**Section D – School Selection (must be completed for all applicants)**

Rank programs in priority order, from first choice to last choice. You may apply to a maximum of 10 HISD Choice programs with no more than 5 magnet selections. It is recommended that parents weigh their options carefully and consider the following:

The most desired program should be listed by “1,” the second highest ranked choice listed by “2”, and so on. It is very important that you think carefully about your ranking because if your child is accepted to a program, any lower-ranked choices will be removed. You may adjust the order of your choices through **April 30, 2021** by submitting a new paper application listing all of your choices in Section D.

Rank 1-10	Campus	Grade Level Pre-K-3/Pre-K 4
<i>Example</i>	<i>Alcott Pre-K</i>	<i>Pre-K 4</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Knowingly submitting incorrect or misleading information will result in the invalidation of these applications. Be sure to complete all relevant sections of this application and bring it in person or send it by mail to: Office of Student Choice, 4400 W 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston TX 77092

Applications must be submitted no later than **April 30, 2021** for consideration in the first round of lotteries. **April 30, 2021** is also the **deadline to make changes**.

Please review Pre-Kindergarten Eligibility on page 3 and then select the type of Pre-K, Non Tuition or Tuition, and the qualification reason below:

<p><b>TEA Eligibility:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Non Tuition (TEA Eligible) <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition (TEA Non-Eligible)</p> <p><b>Pre-K Qualification reason:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Language Proficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Economically Disadvantaged <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Conservatorship <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> First Responder (Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, firefighter, emergency medical)</p>
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**This application will not be considered complete without a parent or guardian signature.**

**Section E - Signatures** (must be completed for all applicants)

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Important:** An “Offered” seat does not guarantee enrollment in an HISD Pre-K4 or Pre-K3 program. In order to be eligible for our HISD tuition-free Pre-K programs, your child will need to meet one of the seven criteria for Pre-K enrollment by the state of Texas or pay tuition if your child is found not eligible for an HISD free Pre-K program.

### Pre-Kindergarten Eligibility

**To be eligible for enrollment** in HISD non-tuition based prekindergarten program, a child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the enrolling school year, a resident of HISD, and one of the following:

- be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, or
- be economically disadvantaged (defined below), or
- meet any eligibility criteria for Head Start, or
- be homeless, as defined by [42 USC 11434a], or
- currently be or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code, or
- be the child of an active duty member of armed forces or child of an armed forces member injured, killed, or missing in action while on active duty, or
- be the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer as defined in Section 3106.002, a firefighter as defined in Section 3106.003, or an emergency medical first responder as defined in Section 3106.004

For more information about Magnet and Program Choice programs and other school choice options in HISD, visit the website at <http://choosehisd.org>.

**April 30,  
2021**

**Phase 1 Deadline:** Submit applications and to make changes to Phase 1 rankings. All *qualified and qualified pending* Phase 1 applications will be entered in lotteries. To make changes to Phase 1 rankings, either make changes online or complete a new application.

**May 20,  
2021**

**Notification date:** On May 20, 2021, before midnight, the official Phase 1 notification of a students' lottery outcome will be viewable within the online application system's parent dashboard. An email notification of the Phase 1 lottery outcomes will be sent to the parent's email address.

In addition, one Pre-K application status letter is sent via U.S. Mail to the parents of all Phase 1 applicants that submitted a paper application. Phase 1 applicants that are offered a seat on May 20, 2021, will need to respond to the offer and make arrangements within two weeks of the notification date to provide documents to the school that has offered seat and schedule a language proficiency exam if qualifying to Pre-K due to language proficiency.

Additionally, please be aware that inclusion in a Pre-K program is contingent upon completion of the campus's enrollment process, within the timelines established by the campus. Moreover, the PreK enrollment transfer type requires principal approval and that this decision is made at the campus level. Students will remain on the waitlist of all programs which parents ranked higher than the highest program to which a seat is offered.

### Additional Information on Applications for the 2021-2022 School Year

1. Submit only one paper application and indicate up to 10 programs with a maximum of 5 magnet programs in **Section D**. Please do not submit separate applications for each choice.
2. You are required to rank your choices of programs to streamline the application process for all students.
3. If you wish to change the order of your rankings after you have submitted your initial application, you must submit an additional updated application to the Office of School Choice. **The deadline for changing Pre-K rankings is April 30, 2021.**
4. Any programs ranked below the highest program at which you are offered a seat are automatically dropped after the lottery is ran.
5. Students must be in attendance on day one of the school year. Pre-K seats are not saved if there are students to fill the spaces.

**Campuses with PK Programs**

Alcott ES	DeZavala ES	Janowski ES	Piney Point ES
Almeda ES	Dogan ES	Jefferson ES	Pleasantville ES
Anderson ES	Durham ES	Kashmere Gardens ES	Poe ES
Arabic Immersion Magnet School	Eliot ES	Kelso ES	Port Houston ES
Ashford ES	Elrod ES	Kennedy ES	Pugh ES
Askew ES	Emerson ES	Ketelsen ES School	Red ES School
Atherton ES	Energized For Excellence ECC	King Early Childhood CTR	Reynolds ES School
Barrick ES	Farias ECC	Kolter ES	Robinson ES School
Bastian ES	Field ES	Lantrip ES	Rodriguez ES School
Bell ES	Foerster ES	Laurenzo Early Childhood CTR	Roosevelt ES School
Bellfort Academy ES School	Fondren ES	Law ES	Ross ES School
Benavidez ES	Fonwood ECC	Lockhart ES	Rucker ES School
Benbrook ES	Foster ES	Longfellow ES	Sanchez ES
Berry ES	Franklin ES	Looscan ES	Scarborough ES
Blackshear ES	Frost ES	Love ES	School At St George Place
Bonham ES	Gallegos ES	Lovett ES	Scroggins ES
Bonner ES	Garcia ES	Lyons ES	Seguin ES School
Braeburn ES	Garden Oaks Montessori	MacGregor ES	Shadowbriar ES
Briargrove ES	Garden Villas ES	Mading ES	Shearn ES
Briar Meadow Charter	Golfcrest ES	Mandarin Immersion Magnet School	Sherman ES
Briscoe ES	Gregg ES	Martinez C ES	Sinclair ES
Brookline ES	Gregory-Lincoln Ed Ctr	Martinez R ES	Smith ES
Browning ES	Grissom ES	McGowen ES	Southmayd ES
Bruce ES	Gross ES	McNamara ES	Stevens ES
Burbank ES	Halpin ECC	Memorial ES	Sutton ES
Burrus ES	Harris J R ES	Milne ES	Thompson ES School
Bush ES	Harris R P ES	Mistral ECC	Tijerina ES School
Cage ES	Hartsfield ES	Mitchell ES	Valley West ES
Carrillo ES	Harvard ES	Montgomery ES	Wainwright ES
Codwell ES	Helms ES	Neff ECC	Walnut Bend ES
Condit ES	Henderson J P ES	Northline ES	Wesley ES
Cook JR ES	Henderson N Q ES	Oates ES	West University
Coop ES	Herod ES	Osborne ES	Wharton K-8 Dual Language
Cornelius ES	Herrera ES	Paige ES	Whidby ES
Crespo ES	Highland Heights ES	Park Place ES	White E ES
Crockett ES	Hilliard ES	Parker ES	White M ES
Cunningham ES	Hines-Caldwell ES	Patterson ES	Whittier ES
Daily ES	Hobby ES	Peck ES	Wilson Montessori
Davila ES	Horn ES	Petersen ES	Windsor Village ES
De Chaumes ES	Isaacs ES	Pilgrim Academy	Woodson School
DeAnda ES			Young ES