MISD's Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – 2023-2024

1. Does Mansfield ISD offer tuition-based Pre-K for students who do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined by TEA? Yes. MISD offers tuition-based Pre-Kindergarten. At J.L. Boren Elementary School, the interest/application link will open on April 3rd at 7 AM, and closes on April 9th at 6 PM. A lottery system is used for acceptance in the program at Boren, and parents will be notified on or before April 11, 2023. Those who apply, but are not provided with a seat through the lottery, will be placed on a waiting list in the order the application was submitted; parents will be notified once a seat is available.

Other elementary school campuses with PK will offer tuition-based seats in August, if enrollment on those campuses are at 80% or less. There are limited seats. If you are interested in being added to the interest/waiting list, please contact the campus of your choice and speak to the Registrar/PEIMS Clerk. The interest/waiting list opens on April 12, 2023 for all campuses districtwide.

2. Do I have to reside in the MISD to participate in this program? Yes. Students must be residents of Mansfield ISD.

3. How do I apply for tuition-based PK at a campus other than J.L. Boren? Enroll your child at the home campus for PK. Once it is determined that your child is not “eligible” under TEA criteria, ask to be placed on the interest/waiting list for tuition-base for that campus. The interest/waiting list opens on April 12, 2023. Seats will not be released until August, and you will be notified as soon as a seat is available.
4. If I submit an application for JL Boren, am I guaranteed a spot to attend Tuition-Based Pre-K? No. The application period is set for April 3-9, 2023. At the close of the application period, all student acceptance decisions are done via a random lottery. Parents are notified on or before April 11, and those who are not offered a seat will be kept on the waiting list. Seats will be offered in the order the application was submitted.

5. Is there an enrollment / holding fee? No. When a student is selected, the parent must accept the seat within 24 hours and begin the enrollment process via Skyward. All PK students go through an eligibility process before confirming tuition-base placement.

6. How much does it cost for my child to attend tuition-based Pre-K in MISD? Currently, the cost for Full-Day Tuition is $700 monthly ($6,300 yearly). A link to PayK-12 will be provided by campus PEIMS. There is a 3% service fee every month to use PayK-12. Parents may provide checks or money orders in person at the campus.

7. When is the tuition payment due? Tuition payment is due the first day of every month (September - May).

8. May I put my student on more than one waiting list for tuition-base? Yes. Parents may select the campus that is most convenient. Tuition-base seats are released based on enrollment at each campus.

9. Will the tuition-based PK program follow the MISD academic calendar? Yes. This program will follow the MISD calendar and any weather days that might occur.

10. Is there a curriculum for tuition-based Pre-K? Yes. Pre-K courses are structured to provide a foundation for language and social skill development. The curriculum for this program is an integration of all subjects under a framework of guided instruction and explorative play.
11. Is transportation provided? No. MISD transportation is not provided. Parents/Guardians would need to make arrangements for transportation. School starts at 8:00 and ends at 3:30.

12. How many students and teachers will be in each section of tuition-based PK? Each section will contain a teacher and a para with 22 students.

13. If I am selected by the lottery for tuition-based PK will I have to provide any additional information? Yes. You will be required to provide all normal MISD registration documentation.

1. Student’s Social Security Card,
2. Student’s Birth Certificate / Passport
3. Student’s updated Shot Records (MUST be stamped / signed by the doctor and all dates are legible)
4. Parent / Guardian Driver’s License or Legal ID
5. Proof of Residency (MUST be in the name of the parent/guardian and must be for an MISD zoned address – Lease Agreement, Gas, Water, Electric bill within 30 days of registration)

14. Whom should I contact if I have additional questions? Please contact Alycen Phan, Director of Early Learning, at AlycenPhan@misdmail.org.