



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 \$550 monthly. 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 date 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.*