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DSISD KINDERGARTEN/PRE-K REGISTRATION SCHEDULED IN MARCH

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas— Dripping Springs ISD will hold registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students entering school in the fall of 2018 on Tuesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 22, 2018. Registration will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the DSISD Administration Building, 510 W. Mercer St. Kindergartners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018.

New procedures will be used for Pre-K registration this year. **Families enrolling in the tuition-based Pre-K program will be entered into a lottery to determine if they are placed at the campus of their choice. Enrollment assignments no longer will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.** Because of this new system, there is **no advantage** to lining up early in the morning to secure a Pre-K “spot” at the campus of choice.

“We expect to be able to accommodate all tuition-based pre-K requests at a school within the district,” said Assistant Superintendent for Learning and Innovation Nicole Poenitzsch. “Historically, however, some campuses have filled up more quickly than others, which is why we have implemented the lottery system to make impartial decisions if demand exceeds availability at a particular campus.”

For both Kindergarten and Pre-K students, parents should bring proof of residency (electric bill and copy of lease/warranty deed/property tax statement with homestead exemption listed), child’s birth certificate and immunization record, as well as child’s Social Security card and parent’s photo ID.

DSISD offers three types of Pre-K for children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2018:

- Tuition-based for district residents
- Free for children who qualify as Economically Disadvantaged (national free/ reduced lunch program), Limited English Proficiency, child of active or injured military, or is either Homeless or has been in foster care. Due to federal guidelines, income status must be verified on or after July 22, 2018; space will be reserved for the child until then. For those who are enrolling a child with Limited English Proficiency, the child should be present for language testing.
- Tuition-based for out-of-district residents, limited capacity

Kindergarten students are assigned to a campus based on the district’s attendance zone boundaries (<https://www.dsisdtx.us/Page/431>).

Information also will be available on after-school care available at all four campuses offered through the DSISD Community Services Department.

Additional registration dates for all new students will be held at campuses on June 15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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