



# **Early Childhood Update 2024 - 2025**

**Meeting the Needs of our  
Youngest Panthers in MISD!**



“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.”

*Maria Montessori*

## **TEA Eligibility Qualifications for PreK**

Child must be at least three years of age or four years of age on or before September 1 and must meet one of the following criteria:



**Educationally disadvantaged**



**Foster Care**



**Limited English proficiency**



**Military**



**Homeless**



**Star of Texas Award**

## **Employee Children**

Employee children may participate in full day PreK-3 or PreK-4 for a \$500 per month fee.  
(Sept-June)



# **MISD Early Childhood Programs 2024 - 2025**

PreK-3 classrooms at Chapel Park, Hewitt, Park Hill, and South Bosque  
(89 students - 4 classrooms)

PreK-4 classrooms on all elementary campuses  
(223 students - 11 classrooms)



# **2024 - 2025 PreK-3 Campus Enrollment**

	Qualifier	Employee	Total
Chapel Park	16	6	22
Hewitt	20	2	22
Park Hill	21	1	22
South Bosque	20	2	22

# **2024 - 2025 PreK-4 Campus Enrollment**

	Qualifier	Employee	Total
Castleman Creek	42	2	44
Chapel Park	14	5	19
Hewitt	21	1	22
Park Hill	30	8	38
South Bosque	16	5	21
Speegleville	16	0	16
Spring Valley	21	1	22
Woodway	32	9	41

## **Early Childhood Program Highlights**

- Frog Street Curriculum (PreK-3 and PreK-4) aligns with TX PreK Guidelines and district wide scope and sequence
- Content Stations and Differentiated Centers





## **Early Childhood Program Highlights**

- Flexible Grouping
- Inclusion with Early Childhood Special Education Programs



## **Early Childhood Program Highlights**

- Teacher professional development, coaching, and mentoring is focused on early childhood education
- Participation in Special Classes (P.E., Music, Art, Library)



## **Early Childhood Program Challenges**

- Enrollment for eligible PreK-4 students continues throughout the school year.
- As enrollment grows, students are overflowed away from their home campus.
- Full-day funding from the state is received for PreK-4 students, but PreK-3 is funded half-day.
- It is crucial to provide a PreK-4 student to staff ratio at 22:2 (1 teacher, 1 para).
- A ratio of 24:3 is recommended for PreK-3 (1 teacher, 2 paras), creating a waitlist for PreK-3 students.



## **Future Plans**

- Realign PreK-3 classrooms for 2025 - 2026 to meet enrollment needs while maintaining a total of four classrooms.
  - 1 classroom each will remain at Chapel Park, Hewitt, and South Bosque
  - 1 classroom will transition from Park Hill to Spring Valley
- This change allows for a balance of PreK-3 and PreK-4 sections on campuses throughout the district.
- Continue the transition that began last year from **free full-day** to **free half-day** program for students who qualify for PreK-3. Families who would like to attend full day are able to pay \$300/month.

## **PreK Bill to Monitor this Legislative Session**

- **SB26**
  - Aims to bolster preschool education by providing free Pre-K for public school teachers' children

## **Monthly Tuition Comparison**

	Midway ISD	Neighboring Districts	Daycare
PreK-3 Qualifier Half Day	Free	Free	Varying costs if allowed
PreK-3 Qualifier Full Day	\$300	\$347- \$416	\$1000 - \$1260
PreK-4 Qualifier Full Day	Free	Free	\$1000 - \$1260
PreK Employee Full Day	\$500	\$694 - \$831	\$1000 - \$1260

## **Profit Generated from PreK Programs**

State Funding	\$885,685
Pre-K Tuition	\$225,000
<b><i>Total PreK Revenue</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,110,685</i></b>
Salary/Benefits	\$1,027,044
Supplies	\$10,200
<b><i>Total PreK Expenses</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,037,244</i></b>
<b><i>PreK Profit</i></b>	<b><i>\$73,441</i></b>

## **Important Dates**

- April 1, 2025 - Enrollment opened for MISD employees for 2025 - 2026
  - Numbers to date:
    - PreK-3 - 14 students
    - PreK-4 - 17 students
- Saturday, April 5, 2025 - Participated in PreK Awareness Day sponsored by the Junior League of Waco
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025, from 5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. - PreK/Kindergarten Preview