

# Invest In The Young



**Jones Elementary  
Open Enrollment for Pre-Kindergarten  
2006-2007 School Year**

**Committee:**

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In an effort to provide every child in our community the opportunity to participate in an enriched learning environment at the age of 4, the committee voted unanimously to:

**Recommend Half Day Open Enrollment for  
Pre-Kinder Student for the 2006-2007 School Year**

**Benefits:**

- Opportunity to build relationships in an educational setting with peers and family
- Opportunity to enter the world of education at an early age
- Opportunity to broaden a child's world
- Opportunity for nurturing and developing of the whole child
- Begin to meet the cognitive and affective needs – Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills
- Community Empowerment – Let's Invest in the Young

**Needs:**

- Staffing – volunteers/parental involvement
- Staff Development
- Transportation
- Aide
- Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum Aligned to TEKS

**Projected Numbers:**

- Average of the last 5 years of Pre-K enrollment - 13
- Survey Results - 16
- Total projected enrollment: 29
- Pre-K Round Up Recommended for this Spring

**TEA Code for Pre-K:**

- 22 recommended cap for Pre-K
- Classroom Size – 35 square feet per child
- 18 students per teacher – aide optional
- 22 students per teacher – aide required

**Options:**

- District Financed Pre-K Program
  - a. ADA - \$1,953.50 per student per day
- Tuition Based
  - a. recommended \$20.00 per week
  - b. Approval from Commissioner of Ed.

# SURVEYS

*315 surveys were sent out; 45 surveys were returned*

29 – do not have a child of Pre-K age

16 – have a child of Pre-K age (3 are in Pre-K)

6 that did qualify for Pre-K did not attend Pre-K because:

- 1 did not have his/her immunizations updated
- 5 chose to go to Headstart

6 others that qualified for headstart chose not to attend headstart because:

- 1 immunization not updated
- 1 not potty trained
- 1 Headstart did not provide transportation
- 3 are on the waiting list

Of the 45 surveys:		
29 are interested in Open Enrollment	8 are not	8 did not comment

**17 of the 29 are willing to pay tuition**

*Parents feel that a Pre-K program would provide:*

- 1) *social skills*
- 2) *readiness*
- 3) *what parents can't offer due to lack of time*

**1 parent felt that 4 year olds should stay at home.**

32 parents said they are not aware of the Pre-K program at BISD

34 said they understand that students must follow compulsory attendance laws.

13 are interested in ½ day Pre-K programs

18 are interested in full day programs

**When parents were asked what would keep them from sending their child to Pre-K:**

- ① 16 - said nothing
- ② 1 - tuition too high
- ③ 1 - qualification
- ④ 1 - illness
- ⑤ 1 - learning environment
- ⑥ 1 - qualified teacher
- ⑦ 1 - teacher
- ⑧ 1 - little ones need to be at home