

Pre-School Programming/operations

The Gonzalez School for Young Children is a learning center – a place where caring teachers nurture every child so they can become successful lifelong learners.

Through every class, each child is constantly nurtured and encouraged to become more successful so he or she can reach his or her maximum potential.

Pre-School Academy for 3-year-olds:

Children who are three years old on or before Sept. 1 and who do not qualify for either the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) or Pre-Kindergarten (described below) are eligible to enroll in Denton ISD's "tuition-supported" Pre-School Academy.

The Pre-School Academy is designed to help children – and their parents – grow academically, socially and physically. Children will discover that learning in fun at this academy where they will follow the State of Texas Pre-School curriculum. This includes: language development, math skills, physical education/motor skill development, art, music and other skills to help them prepare for a successful educational career.

- Parents may choose a half-day or full-day program and will to pay \$340 per month for 10 months for half day and \$600 per month for 10 months for full day. There is an additional registration fee of \$75 per child for full-day students and \$60 per child for half-day students. There will be a \$30 supply fee per semester for full-day and a \$25 supply fee per semester for half-day students.

Pre-School Academy for 4-year-olds –

Children who are four years old on or before September 1st and who do not qualify for either the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) or Pre-Kindergarten (described below) are eligible to enroll in the "tuition-supported Pre-School Academy.

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- Parents may choose a half-day or full-day program and pay \$340 per month for 10 months for half day and \$600 per month for 10 months for full day. There is an additional registration fee of \$75 per child for full-day students and \$60 per child for half-day students. There will be a \$30 supply fee per semester for full-day and a \$25 supply fee per semester for half-day students.

Pre-School Academy: Dual Language Program:

This program is part of the Pre-School Program, but is an additional cost per month because it also includes students learning a second language: English-speaking students will learn Spanish while Spanish-speaking students will learn English. This dual language program will be offered jointly to three- and four-year-old students. The additional cost will be determined – pending number of students in class.

Pre-Kindergarten Program:

This is a state-mandated program that serves children who are four years of age on or before Sept. 1. Students may attend this program **free of charge** if they meet any of the following criteria:

- is limited English speaking.
- qualifies for free or reduced lunch.
- is an active military dependent.
- has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.
- is homeless.

This program also will follow the State of Texas Pre-School curriculum. This includes: language development, math skills, physical education/motor skill development, art, music and other skills to help them prepare for a successful educational career.

- This program will be for students who qualify for the regular Pre-Kindergarten Program and an ESL Pre-Kindergarten program for those students with limited English-speaking abilities.

PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities):

PPCD is a special education program that serves children between the ages of three to five who have delays in the areas of speech, language, physical, social and/or emotional development.

PPCD Bilingual (Spanish) classrooms are provided when necessary. The amount of time and type of services provided are determined by an Individual Education Program (IEP) committee. Eligible students attend this program at no cost to the family.

Head Start Program – (Available only at Ann Windle School for Young Children) Head Start is a federally funded program. It provides comprehensive, full-day education - similar to the Pre-Kindergarten program – for low-income preschool children. It is for students who are 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1. Head Start provides a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for preschool children to explore and experience social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth. Classrooms are designed for preschool children.

There are three basic requirements for prospective students:

- The child must be three or four years old by Sept. 1.
- The child must live within the boundaries of Denton Independent School District.
- The family's income must fall within federal poverty level income guidelines.