

To enroll in Prekindergarten, a child must be four years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year and meet at least one of the following qualification criteria set by Texas Legislature.

## Prekindergarten Qualification Criteria

Educationally Disadvantaged	Military	
<p>Child is eligible to participate in the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program <b>and</b> parents should <b>Complete the NSLP Application</b>.</p> <p>Required Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current paycheck stub(s) showing one month of income and documentation of any income from all household members (i.e. unemployment, worker's comp., disability, etc.)</li> <li>Current tax return if self-employed</li> </ul> <p><b>A child of a household receiving SNAP, TANF or Indian Reservation Food Distribution Program benefits is automatically eligible.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current eligibility letter required for SNAP and TANF</li> </ul> <p><b>Medicare/Medicaid is NO LONGER AN AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER. Income must be verified to qualify.</b></p>	<p>Child of an active duty member of the Armed Services (including state military forces or a reserve component).</p> <p>Required Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verification of the student's US Department of Defense (DoD) photo identification for children of active duty service members</li> <li>Or, verification of the military member's DoD photo identification and documentation that the student is a child of the military member</li> </ul> <p><i>*Copies of DoD identification will not be made.</i></p>	<p>Child of a member of the Armed Services who was injured or killed while on active duty.</p> <p>Required Documents:</p> <p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of death certificate</li> <li>Copy of Purple Heart orders</li> <li>Copy of official letter from commander</li> <li>Copy of a letter from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</li> <li>Documentation that service member is MIA</li> </ul>
Limited English Proficiency	Homeless	
<p>Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English Language.</p> <p>Eligibility is based on Emergent Bilingual identification:</p> <p><i>During registration if a language other than English is indicated on the Home Language Survey, the child must be administered the PreLAS for oral language proficiency.</i></p> <p><i>An LPAC meeting for emergent bilingual identification will be held. Only the LPAC has the authority to identify as an Emergent Bilingual.</i></p>	<p>Child is experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Eligibility is based on homeless identification:</p> <p><i>Eligibility is based on the district's homeless education liaison identifying the student as homeless (regardless of the residence of the child, either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child).</i></p>	
Foster Care	Star of Texas Award	
<p>Child is or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.</p> <p>Required Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verification Letter of Prekindergarten eligibility from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services</li> </ul>	<p>Child of a person who <b>has received the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical first responder. This does not include all peace officers.</b></p> <p>Required Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of the resolution (certificate) awarded to the parent of the child</li> </ul>	