

## Students

### Preschool Enrollment

The District's preschool program shall be operated in accordance with this policy.

### Eligibility

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will develop and maintain eligibility guidelines for children to enroll in the District's preschool program.

The District shall not admit any child into preschool unless such child has reached the age of three years or will reach such age on or before July 31 of the current school year.

Enrollment in the preschool program shall be admitted in the following order of priority:

1. Those students that are eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), McKinney Vento, and/or Title IC to participate;
2. Resident students who are or will turn four years old during the school year;
3. Resident students who are not otherwise eligible to enroll in kindergarten;
4. Resident students who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten;
5. Non-resident students who are not eligible to enroll in kindergarten; and,
6. Non-resident students who are eligible to enroll in kindergarten.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall have the authority to implement and interpret capacity and enrollment decisions to ensure the best interests of the District and its preschool program, and there shall be no appeal process to the Board of Education related to the Superintendent or the Superintendent designee's decision. If all other things are equal, consideration will be given to the earliest dates of application submission.

### Enrollment Process

Enrollment for the preschool program will be conducted on an annual basis. Parents or legal guardians must complete and submit a preschool enrollment application form by the specified deadline. Applications may be submitted after September 15 of the year preceding. The deadline for applications is February 15 of the preceding school year. Applications will be reviewed, and enrollment decisions will be based on available space, eligibility criteria, and other factors deemed appropriate by district staff. Parents will be notified of their child's enrollment status within a reasonable timeframe after the application deadline.

The District reserves the right to accept preschool enrollment on an as-available basis once the school year begins.

### Waitlist

In the event that the number of applicants exceeds the preschool program's capacity, a waitlist may be established. Priority on the waitlist may be given to eligible children based on the priorities listed in this policy. Parents will be notified if their child is placed on the waitlist.

Compliance

All aspects of this policy shall be implemented in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines related to preschool education and enrollment.

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