



**Alamo Heights Independent School District**  
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To: Dr. Dana Bashara, Superintendent of Schools  
From: Dr. Jimmie Walker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Date: April 1, 2026

**Re: Consideration to increase 2026-2027 Pre-K Tuition**

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Board of Trustees,

I am writing to present a recommendation for the PK4 tuition rate for the 2026–2027 school year for your consideration and approval.

**Background**

Alamo Heights ISD offers tuition PreK to children who reside in the district and who do not qualify for the statutorily required PreK program, whose criteria include students with a disability, families below a particular income level, etc. The state allows districts to offer tuition PreK for a rate established by Texas Education Agency (TEA). Starting this year, TEA no longer establishes a statewide tuition rate for prekindergarten programs. Instead, local education agencies (LEAs) are required to propose a tuition rate that does not exceed the cost of the program and submit a written request to TEA for approval. This change provides districts with greater flexibility, while also requiring careful alignment between tuition rates and actual program costs. Our current PK4 tuition rate is **\$6,384**, the amount set by TEA for 2025-26.

**Market Comparison**

A review of comparable early childhood programs indicates the following tuition ranges:

- St. David's: ~\$10,000–\$14,000
- St. Luke's: ~\$12,000–\$18,000
- Acorn: ~\$8,000–\$12,000
- Zoo School: ~\$15,600
- St. Andrew's: ~\$7,000–\$10,000
- Montessori School of San Antonio: ~\$12,940

This comparison demonstrates that even with an increase, our program would remain competitively priced within the local market.

**Recommendation**

I recommend setting the community PK4 tuition rate at **\$7,000** for the 2026–2027 school year.



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This option:

- Represents a moderate increase (9.6%) from the current rate
- Moves us closer to the actual cost of providing the PK4 program
- Maintains affordability for families
- Keeps the district below market rates, supporting accessibility and enrollment stability
- Raises community tuition rate only and does not raise the cost of Mini Mules employee prekindergarten tuition.

**Future Consideration**

If the district is able to maintain PK tuition in future years, I recommend gradually moving toward a rate closer to **\$8,500**, which would more fully align with program costs while still remaining competitive in the market.

Please let me know if you would like additional analysis or modeling prior to action. I look forward to discussing this recommendation with you.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jimmie Walker  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction