



Frequently Asked Questions: Pre-K4 for Children of FBISD Certified Teachers (2025–26)

1. I'm a teacher in Fort Bend ISD—does my child now qualify for free Pre-K4?

A: Yes! If you are a full-time certified teacher assigned to provide instruction in an FBISD PreK–12 classroom for at least half a day, and your child turns four years old on or before September 1, 2025, your child qualifies for tuition-free Prekindergarten for the 2025-26 school year!

This opportunity is part of House Bill 2 (2025), which recognizes the important role teachers play in shaping young minds. We're excited to support your family with access to the same strong foundation you provide for others.

2. I'm an assistant principal or principal in Fort Bend ISD. Is my child eligible for free Pre-K4?

A: We truly value the leadership and dedication of our campus administrators. However, under House Bill 2, this benefit is specifically for **certified classroom teachers with a student roster**. At this time, children of assistant principals and principals are not eligible for the free Pre-K4 program.

That said, **tuition-based or other enrollment options** may be available depending on space. We encourage you to reach out to the Early Childhood Department to explore what may be possible for your family: www.fortbendisd.com/prek.

3. I'm a teacher assistant—does my child qualify for free Pre-K4?

A: We appreciate the essential support that teacher assistants provide in our classrooms every day. While the free Pre-K4 benefit is limited to **certified classroom teachers**, your child may still qualify under other state eligibility criteria.

We encourage you to review additional Pre-K4 qualification guidelines at fortbendisd.com/prek or contact the Early Childhood Department for guidance: www.fortbendisd.com/prek.

4. Can I choose which campus my child attends for Pre-K4?

A: We understand how important convenience and community are when selecting a campus. While we can't guarantee placement at a specific location, we still have plenty of seats across our district.





Placement is based on **seat availability**, and we'll do our best to honor your request whenever possible.

Follow this link to view the list of schools with available Pre-K4 seats: https://forms.office.com/r/7eTxBwgcDV or scan the QR code provided during the application process. You'll be able to indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd campus preferences. Note: This link is only accessible with an FBISD email account.



As of July 31, these are the campuses with available Pre-K4 seats: Aldridge ES, Arizona Fleming ES, Barbara Jordan ES, Barrington Place ES, Brazos Bend ES, Colony Bend ES, Colony Meadows ES, Dr. Lynn Armstrong ES, Dulles ES, E.A. Jones ES, Heritage Rose ES, Highlands ES, Hunters Glen ELC, Lexington Creek ES, Mission ES, Mission West ES, Oyster Creek ES, Quail Valley ES, Reese Early Literacy Lab, Ridgemont ELC, Rita Drabek ES, Rosa Parks ES, Settlers Way ES, Sugar Mill ES, and Townewest ES. *Seat availability is subject to change*.

5. Why is the district just now making this change?

A: This change is in response to House Bill 2, passed by the Texas Legislature in June 2025. The bill expanded eligibility to include children of certified public-school teachers. Since then, FBISD has been working carefully to implement this benefit in a way that supports families and maintains high-quality early learning environments.

6. What if both parents are educators but work in different districts? Which district is eligible?

A: Eligibility is based on the district where the **certified teacher with a classroom roster** is employed. If both parents are certified teachers, the district of the parent submitting the application will be used to determine eligibility.

7. Will transportation be provided?

A: Transportation is not provided for students enrolled in Pre-K4 under this benefit. Families are responsible for arranging drop-off and pick-up. If you have questions about transportation logistics, your assigned campus or the Early Childhood Department will be happy to help.

8. How do I apply for my child to attend Pre-K4 under this new eligibility?

A: To enroll your child, complete these two steps:





- 1. Fill out the Employee Pre-K4 Interest Form:
- https://forms.office.com/r/7eTxBwgcDV. This link is only accessible with an FBISD email account. Important: Completing this form does not guarantee your child's placement.
- 2. Register in <u>Skyward Family Access (Q)</u>. Submit all required documentation through the system or e-mail to the campus ADA when she contacts you (child's birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, parent/guardian's identification, proof of residency such as a deed, lease, or mortgage agreement, utility bill (gas, water, or electricity).

9. When will I know if my child has been accepted and where they will be placed?

A: Once your application and documents have been submitted through Skyward Family Access, the campus ADA (Attendance and Data Administrator) will carefully review everything to determine final enrollment and placement. At the same time, the Early Childhood Department will verify your eligibility as a certified classroom teacher using the information you submitted in the Employee Interest Form. Applications are reviewed and processed in the order they are received, so we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Be sure to monitor your FBISD email, as the ADA from the campus with available seats will contact you directly once your child's placement is confirmed.

10. Why is FBISD only offering seats for four-year-olds? What if I have a three-year-old child?

A: That's a great question, and we understand how important early learning opportunities are for all young children. At this time, all Pre-K3 Head Start seats have already been assigned to qualifying families who applied earlier in the year, starting in March 2025.

Because House Bill 2 was passed less than a month ago, FBISD is not able to expand Pre-K3 classrooms in time for the start of the 2025–26 school year. However, please know that our Early Childhood team is already working diligently to explore options for offering Pre-K3 classroom opportunities for qualifying children of teachers in the 2026–27 school year.

We appreciate your patience and your commitment to early education, and we look forward to supporting your family in the future.





11. I enrolled my child in tuition-based Pre-K4 and I am a classroom teacher; do I have to pay tuition?

A: Early Childhood is reviewing the records of children enrolled in tuition-based Pre-K4 for the 2025-26 school year, and will be contacting directly, employees who now qualify for free pre-K under HB2. The communication will include confirmation that tuition fees do not apply for the school year, and a clarification that the \$50 EZChildtrack registration fee is non-refundable. Please monitor your inbox for an email from the prekprogram@fortbendisd.gov, and contact Early Childhood with any questions.