



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why is Pre-K important for young children?**

Early childhood education is extremely important to a child's development and preparation for being a lifelong learner. Children that attend PreK in Montgomery ISD will be exposed to early language, literacy and math experiences while also receiving social-emotional learning opportunities. Students will learn through play, music, movement and exposure to language and numbers to gain self-confidence and increase their ability to develop relationships and social skills. Montgomery ISD offers a safe environment with highly qualified teachers and curriculum that leads children on the path to success.

### **How old does my child have to be to attend Pre-K or Kindergarten in MISD?**

To register for PreK in Montgomery ISD, students must be 4 years old on or before September 1 of that school year. In order to enroll in Kindergarten, students must be 5 years old on or before September 1 of that school year.

### **How do you qualify for state-funded Pre-K and if I don't qualify, can I pay for Pre-K in MISD?**

Texas Education Agency eligibility requirements for state-funded PreK [can be found here](#). If you do not qualify for that option, Montgomery ISD does offer a tuition-based PreK with limited availability. To register for tuition-based PreK, register early to secure your spot.

## **Is Pre-K full day or half day?**

PreK in Montgomery ISD is a full day program, following the same hours as our Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **Who are the teachers in Pre-K and Kindergarten?**

Montgomery ISD PreK and Kindergarten teachers are all Texas certified teachers with a specialization in Early Childhood. The early childhood staff in MISD is highly dedicated and extremely qualified to encourage a love of learning and growth in our youngest students, preparing them for a future of excellent education in MISD.

## **When can I register my child for school?**

Early registration will take place in the spring of each school year for the year ahead. If you miss early registration, you may contact your campus registrar to enroll during summer enrollment. A list of all elementary campus registrars can be found at the bottom of this document.

## **Do I have to live in Montgomery ISD boundaries for my child to attend Pre-K and Kindergarten?**

Yes. Montgomery ISD residents and the children of MISD teachers and staff are the only students eligible to attend PreK and Kindergarten in Montgomery ISD.

## **Is there a waiting list to attend Pre-K in Montgomery ISD? If I register for tuition-based Pre-K, when will I know if my child is accepted?**

Students that qualify for PreK by meeting the TEA eligibility requirements are able to attend and receive PreK services. Availability is limited for students enrolled in tuition-based PreK in Montgomery ISD, and families will be notified prior to the start of the school year if there is availability for their child.

## **If my child attended Pre-K in Montgomery ISD, do I also need to register them for Kindergarten?**

No. Children that were enrolled in PreK for the previous school year will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten at the same campus. Annual updates in the parent portal will be required.

## **What documents are needed for Pre-K and Kindergarten registration?**

To register your child for school in Montgomery ISD, you need the following:

- Original Birth Certificate as proof of child's identity and age
- Two proofs of residency in Montgomery ISD
  - Current utility bill with parent or guardian name and address
  - Lease agreement, mortgage or HUD statement, rental agreement or closing documents
- Child's Social Security card
- Current Immunization Records
- Parent/Guardian government issued ID

## **Is transportation provided for Pre-K and Kindergarten students?**

Students in Montgomery ISD elementary schools do have the option to ride an MISD bus to and from school. Children in PreK and Kindergarten must have a parent present at the afternoon drop off in order to receive their child. If a parent is not present, the child will be returned to his/her campus for a parent/guardian pickup.

## **Is childcare provided before and after school?**

Montgomery ISD does offer paid childcare before or after school at specific elementary locations. There are also many childcare programs in the district that provide care and also provide transportation to and from school. Contact your zoned campus for a list of providers that serve your child's campus.

## **Can my child attend any school in MISD or do they need to attend the one we are zoned to?**

You must register your child at the elementary school that your neighborhood is zoned to. To find that campus, please check out [our attendance zone map on the MISD website](#).

## **Who do I contact with questions and help registering?**

If you have questions, you can reach out to the registrar at your assigned campus using the list below:

Keenan ES- [Brandi Tidwell](#)

Lincoln ES- [Jessica Rodriguez](#)

Lone Star ES- [Jennifer Drago](#)

Madeley Ranch ES- [Debbie Taylor](#)

Montgomery ES- [Miranda Broadus](#)

Stewart Creek ES- [Jamie Cooper](#)