

Pre-K Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my child have to be to qualify for Pre-K?

Your child must be 4-years-old on or before September 1, 2020 to enter Pre-K.

Does my child have to qualify to enroll in Pre-K?

Yes, in Red Oak ISD we are currently able to serve students who qualify under the guidelines given by the state.

What are the guidelines to qualify for Pre-K?

Children must be four years of age on September 1st of the current school year (September 1, 2020, for 2020-2021 school year) and must meet one of the following requirements:

1. be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or
2. be educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program [NSLP]); or
3. be homeless; or
4. be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or
5. be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or
6. have ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas DFPS (foster care) following an adversary hearing.
7. is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award such as:
 - a. a peace officer under Section 3106.002, Government Code; or
 - b. a firefighter under Section 3106.003, Government Code; or
 - c. an emergency medical first responder under Section 3106.004, Government Code.

If a four year old child does not meet any of the above criteria, the only exception to the eligibility requirements is if the four year old was eligible and was served at age three during the previous year in a previous district's three year old Pre-Kindergarten program. The three year old Pre-K qualifying documentation must be provided from the previous in-state public or charter school district upon enrollment.

When can I register my child for Pre-K?

Online registration will open on May 4, 2020. It is recommended that you register on-line prior to Round-Up. We will have Pre-K Round-Up for those who need to come in person on July 13, 2020 and July 20, 2020.

What documents do I need for registration?

Upload the following documents into the online portal (if able to) and bring to campus at a later date:

- Parent's Driver's License or Texas ID Card
- Student's Proof of Identity (Birth Certificate)
- Immunization/Vaccination Record
- Proof of Residency - ROISD defines current documentation as anything within the last 30 calendar days.
 - Current Electric, Gas or Water Bill
 - Current Rental or Lease Agreement

- Most recent Tax Receipt

Additional documents for other qualifiers:

- Income Qualifiers (One of the following)
 - Current paycheck stub
 - Current TANF or SNAP eligibility letter (Medicaid)
- Language Qualifiers
 - Language test will be administered to the child
- Military Qualifiers (One of the following)
 - Verification of U.S. Department of Defense photo I.D.
 - Statement of service
 - Copy of death certificate
 - Copy of Purple Heart orders and the line of duty determination documentation
 - Copy of official letter from commander
 - Copy of a letter from US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- Foster Care Qualifiers
 - Verification letter of Prekindergarten Eligibility from DFPS or 2085E and 2085FC Forms
 - Copy of the resolution (certificate) awarded to an individual

Where will my child attend Pre-K?

All elementary campuses will have Pre-K for the 2020-2021 year. Our goal is to keep students at their home campuses, however they do not all have the same programs. Students will be placed at the campus that contains the program for which they qualify to attend.

Is Pre-K full day or half day?

Red Oak ISD is currently in the process of transitioning from half day to full day classes. As a result, we will be adding more full day classes each year until we have reached full implementation. For the 2020-2021 school year, classes at Eastridge Elementary, Red Oak Elementary, Shields Elementary, and Wooden Elementary are half day. Classes at Schupmann Elementary will be full day classes.

What programs are located at which campuses?

Pending registration, our current Pre-K class offerings will be for Eastridge Elementary, Red Oak Elementary, and Shields Elementary to all have a morning and an afternoon ENGLISH section. Wooden Elementary will have a MORNING ENGLISH section and an AFTERNOON BILINGUAL section. Schupmann will have a FULL DAY ENGLISH and a FULL DAY BILINGUAL section.

If there are no available spots at my home campus, what happens?

If a school fills up, a spot will be offered in the appropriate program at another campus.

Is there a waiting list / am I guaranteed a spot?

Red Oak ISD is currently serving students who qualify, based on the state's qualifications. As a result, we do not have a waiting list and all students who qualify will be guaranteed a spot.

Do I have to live in the Red Oak ISD boundary for my child to attend Pre-K?

Yes, Red Oak ISD is not an open enrollment district so you will have to prove residency within the school district boundaries.

When will I be notified that my child is in the Pre-K program?

Parents will be notified of qualification as soon as the qualification has been determined (looking at documents / testing of student / interview - depending on the route to qualification). You will be notified of the campus location and times (am/pm/full day) by July 30, 2020, if your registration/qualification process has been completed at that point.

Who receives priority at a campus?

Priority is given to students who reside in the boundaries of the campus (proof of residency required) **AND** are fully registered/qualified by 3:30 on Thursday, July 23, 2020. At that time, classes will be created and once full, students will be offered classes at alternative campus locations with availability, as determined by the district.

How do the FULL DAY class assignments get assigned?

Priority for the FULL DAY classes, located at SCHUPMANN ELEMENTARY, will be given to students zoned for that campus, prior to Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 3:30. At that time we will be creating classes and looking at the number of available spots in the full day classes. At that point, we will conduct a lottery for the remaining available spots.

If my home campus is not SCHUPMANN, but I would like to be entered into the lottery for the remaining FULL DAY slots, how do I enter that lotto?

On your registration paperwork, you will have the opportunity to select yes or no to the following statement: *If space is available, would you be interested in a full day program at Russell P. Schupmann Elementary? Transportation will not be provided.*

Can my child attend the same school for kindergarten if they are assigned to a campus that is not our neighborhood school?

No, all students must attend their neighborhood school for kindergarten, unless they are moved due to the location of a specific program not offered at their home campus.

Is child care available before and after school?

Red Oak ISD does not provide before or after school care for Pre-Kindergarten students.

If I have questions regarding Pre-K, who do I call or contact for questions?

We do have a different set of circumstances this year. As a result, we have established an e-mail address that will specifically address the needs of our Pre-K families. That address pk.text@cloud.redoakisd.org.