



## **Ira ISD Prekindergarten**

### **Parent Information**

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Students Must be at Least 4 Years Old by September 1 of the Current School Year.
- Students Must Live in the Ira District or Be Accepted as Transfers by the Transfer Committee.
- Students should be potty trained.

#### **Documentation Needed**

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Shot Records

#### **Program Hours**

- The Prekindergarten class will follow the same calendar and daily schedule as the rest of the Ira ISD campus.
  - Monday – Wednesday 7:55 am – 3:50 pm
  - Thursday & Friday 7:55 am – 3:00 pm

#### **Size of Class**

- There will only be one prekindergarten class with a teacher and an aide. The class will be limited to 15 students.

#### **Attendance**

- Any student enrolled in a prekindergarten program will be required to follow all attendance requirements set by the state of Texas.

#### **Transportation**

- Ira ISD runs two bus routes for students that live in the school district. Contact the school to get put on those routes.

- Ira ISD runs two buses (1 route) to the WTC Soccer complex on a daily basis. Buses leave the complex at 7:10 each morning and arrive back around 4:05 on Monday – Wednesday and 3:15 on Thursday & Friday.

### **Breakfast & Lunch**

- Breakfast and Lunch will be available through the school cafeteria. Students may also bring their own meals. Meals will be served in the cafeteria and prices will be set at the beginning of the year.
- Parents may have lunch with their child but are required to check in using their IDs such as a driver's license.

### **Cost of Program**

- Prekindergarten is unfunded in the state of Texas. There will be a monthly cost for pre-kindergarten students. There are certain criteria that will qualify a student to receive free prekindergarten services.
- The monthly cost of prekindergarten will be \$600 per month unless the student qualifies for free prekindergarten (see below). This cost could be adjusted before the beginning of the school year.

### **Qualifications for Free Prekindergarten**

- To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten class, at least one of the following eligibility requirements must be met:
  - Unable to speak and comprehend the English language.
  - Is educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the national school lunch program). Form is provided in the prekindergarten packet.
  - Is homeless, as defined by 42 USC, 11434a.
  - Is 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.
  - Is 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.
  - Is or has ever been in conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Family Code 262.201.
  - Is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as:
    - A peace officer under Texas Government Code 3106.002,
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- The Total cost of prekindergarten will be \$6000 for the year which will be broken down into 10 equally monthly payments unless the student qualifies for free prekindergarten (see below).
- Payment Schedule
  - August 13      \$600.00
  - September 1    \$600.00
  - October 1       \$600.00
  - November 1     \$600.00
  - December 1     \$600.00
  - January 1       \$600.00
  - February 1      \$600.00
  - March 1          \$600.00
  - April 1           \$600.00
  - May 1            \$600.00
- Invoices will not be mailed.
- Payment Options
  - Direct Payment (Check)
    - Payable to Ira ISD
    - Dropped off at Ira ISD office, or
    - Mailed to:
      - 6190 W FM 1606
      - Ira, TX 79527
  - Debit/Credit Card Payment
    - My School Bucks
      - Accounts can be Set Up at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)
  - Late Fees
    - Payments received after the due date will be assessed a \$45 late charge on the current balance.

- Any account more than 30 days past due will be considered unpaid and could result in the student being unenrolled.
- Credits/refunds are not given for any missed days of school.

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