

Prekindergarten FAQs

What PreK programs does EMSISD offer?

Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD provides free Pre-K to students who meet at least one of the eligibility criteria, as outlined by the Texas Education Agency.

What is the eligibility outlined by Texas Education Agency?

A child who is four (4) years of age on or before September 1st of the current school year is eligible for a pre-kindergarten program, if the child meets one of the qualifiers listed below:

- Unable to speak and comprehend the English language.
- Economically disadvantaged (qualifies for free or reduced lunches);
- Homeless (as defined by 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1143a);
- The child of an active duty member of the armed forces, including state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty (must be on active duty the first day of school);
- The child of a member of the armed forces, including state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty;
- The child is or has been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adverse hearing. This also includes children who have been adopted or returned to their parents; or
- Be the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer under Section 3106.002, Government Code; a firefighter under Section 3106.003, Government Code; or an emergency medical first responder under Section 3106.004, Government Code

Am I required to show proof of eligibility?

Yes. The Texas Education Agency requires that documentation for each of the above eligibility criteria – specific documentation is listed below:

Eligibility Criteria	Required Documentation
Unable to Speak/Comprehend the English Language	Home Language Survey Language Assessment
Economically Disadvantaged	Paycheck Stub Tax Return TANF or SNAP Eligibility Number
Homeless	Student Services Approval
Foster Care	Letter from DFPS or CPS
Military	Military ID, Statement of service, Copy of death certificate, Copy of Purple Heart Orders, Official letter from commander
Star of Texas Award	Certificate of Award

Does EMSISD offer half-day or full-day prekindergarten?

To meet the needs of the growing number of prekindergarten students in EMSISD both programs are offered in EMSISD.

There are 4 attendance zones that offer half-day prekindergarten at Hafley Development Center (Saginaw, Remington Point, Greenfield, Comanche Springs.)

There are currently 13 attendance zones that offer full-day prekindergarten (Copper Creek, Chisholm Ridge, High Country, Northbrook, Gililand, Parkview, Dozier, Elkins, Bryson, Willow Creek, Lake Country, Eagle Mountain and Lake Pointe).

Students may be assigned to an overflow campus when enrollment is reached at the home campus. Students in the Eagle Mountain Elementary attendance zone will attend full-day prekindergarten at Lake Country Elementary.

Where will eligible students attend?

Students residing in a full-day attendance zones will register and enroll to attend at their home elementary campus. Students in the Eagle Mountain Elementary attendance zone will register and enroll at Lake Country. Once that elementary campus has reached capacity, additional eligible students will enroll and attend at Hafley Development Center in the half-day program.

Does my child have to be potty trained to attend PreK?

Prekindergarten eligible students are not required to be potty trained. TEA does not regulate procedures for assisting a child with bathroom capabilities.

EMSISD Prekindergarten staff will ensure the highest quality of personal care for all students. EMSISD believes it is important that children are not pushed to potty train before they show signs of readiness. Parents should partner with prekindergarten staff to safely implement independent toileting skills if their student is not fully independent when school begins. This may include providing multiple clothing changes, providing pull-ups and wipes, and be willing to coming to the school to change students that are not able to change independently.

Will transportation be offered for prekindergarten students?

Students attending the full-day program will have transportation from their home campus to their respective prekindergarten campus. Students in the bilingual education program attending Gililand Elementary full day for prekindergarten will have transportation from High Country Elementary and Northbrook Elementary. Transportation is provided for students that are not attending in their home attendance zone.

Students attending the half-day program at Hafley Development Center will have transportation to and from the students' home, grandparents' home, or licensed childcare center in the district attendance zone.

How do I enroll my child in prekindergarten?

Registration is completed online and the following documentations must be provided to the office to complete registration: PreK eligibility documentation, Social Security Card, Birth Certificate, Shot Records, Driver's License and Proof of Residency (within the last 30 days: electric, gas, water, or lease agreement). All documents may be submitted via email or provided in person at Hafley Development Center.

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