

Mansfield ISD Pre-Kindergarten FAQ's

1. What Pre-K programs does Mansfield ISD offer?

Mansfield ISD provides free, Pre-K to students that meet at least one the eligibility criteria, as outlined by the Texas Education Agency **AND** tuition-based Pre-K for students that do not meet any of the eligibility criteria.

2. Does MISD offer full-day Pre-K?

Yes. There are currently five campuses that offer full-day Pre-K (J.L. Boren, Erma Nash, Nancy Neal, Annette Perry, and Tarver-Rendon). All PK in MISD will be full-day by the 2022-2023 school year.

3. What makes a child "eligible" to attend Pre-Kindergarten?

Mansfield ISD uses the eligibility criteria designated by the 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 ever 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

4. Am I required to show "proof" or documentation of the above eligibility criteria?

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

5. Does Mansfield ISD offer "tuition-based" Pre-K for students that do not meet the eligibility criteria outlined by TEA?

Yes. MISD offers tuition-based Pre-Kindergarten at J. L. Boren Elementary and the Academy for Early Learners. There are limited seats for this program and application is required to attend.

6. If my child is eligible to attend Pre-K in Mansfield ISD, where do they attend?

Students will register and enroll to attend Pre-Kindergarten at the elementary campus in their designated "feeder pattern". Feeder patterns are designated by the district – if you are unsure of your home campus, you can use the <u>WebQuery system</u>.

7. What campuses will attend the Dr. Jandrucko Academy for Early Learners?

The Academy for Early Learners will be the Pre-K campus for all students residing in the attendance zone of the following elementary schools:

- o Anderson
- o Boren
- o Brockett
- o Brown
- Cabaniss
- o Daulton
- o Davis
- Gideon
- o Harmon
- o Jones (*includes Early Childhood Special Education)
- o Morris (*includes Bilingual)
- o Reid

8. What if I want my child to attend Pre-K at a campus other than our "home campus"?

Parents of Pre-K students may request a transfer using the MISD transfer request process.

9. What if my Pre-K student is not in the feeder pattern for the Dr. Jandrucko Academy for Early Learners – will they get an opportunity to visit?

Yes! Mansfield ISD will provide access to the Dr. Jandrucko Academy for Early Learners to ALL Pre-K and Kinder students through "off-site learning visits" during the school year. The Dr. Jandrucko Academy for Early Learners will also provide summer learning camps that will be open for any interested PK-K students in the district.

For more information about Pre-Kindergarten:

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