



# Pre-K Program Enrollment Packet 2023-2024

Prospective Pre-K Parents/Legal Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the Barbers Hill ISD Pre-K Program.

We are very proud of our Pre-K program. Our program implements a comprehensive preschool curriculum that focuses on developing the whole child. Our multisensory program is child-centered and literacy-focused, integrated with instructional approaches building mathematical and scientific knowledge. The program stresses the importance of experiential learning, social and emotional development, teacher-child relationships, and home-school connections.

To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten class at Barbers Hill Early Childhood Center, a child must be at least four years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year and meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

- is unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- is economically disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the national school lunch program)
- is homeless, as defined by 42 USC, §11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child
- 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 the 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,
  - a firefighter under Texas Government Code §3106.003
  - an emergency medical first responder under Texas Government Code §3106.004

Proof of eligibility must be provided and verified to complete the enrollment process.

Our teachers are highly qualified and trained in order to meet the needs of your preschool child. We know you will find the program a wonderful learning experience for your little one.

If you have any questions, please contact the Early Childhood Center at (281) 576-2221.

Thank you,

Chloe Yowell  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction



# Barbers Hill ISD Pre-K Program Handbook

## AGE LIMITS AND ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment is open to children living in the Barbers Hill School District boundary who have turned 4 years old by September 1, 2023.

## PARENT/GAURDIAN PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility Criteria	Required Documents
is unable to speak and comprehend the English language	NA (Student's language proficiency will be tested by district personnel.)
is economically disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the national school lunch program)	LETTER FROM TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT SHOWS STUDENTS NAME, EDG# AND DATES COVERED FOR MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS OR CHECK STUBS FOR A MONTH.
is homeless, as defined by 42 USC, §11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child	DOCUMENTS FROM DISTRICT SOCIAL WORKER
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	ACTIVE MILITARY ID
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	LETTER OF VERIFICATION FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
is or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (foster care) following an adversary hearing held as provided by Family Code §262.201	LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS SERVICE (FORM 2085)
is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer under Texas Government Code §3106.002, a firefighter under Texas Government Code §3106.003, or an emergency medical first responder under Texas Government Code §3106.004	STAR OF TEXAS AWARD DOCUMENTS

## **ENROLLMENT**

Barbers Hill ISD residents must provide either a current utility bill (no phone bills) or a mortgage/lease agreement with name and address for verification.

Parents/Guardians must submit documentation of eligibility for the Pre-K program to complete the registration process.

## **CURRICULUM**

The focus will be early literacy including pre-reading, vocabulary development, letter and number recognition, concept development, patterns, shape identification, and the development of social skills. Formative assessments and report cards will be given every nine weeks. Assessments will be given at the beginning of the year, mid-year, and year-end for each student.

Due to the differing needs of the preschoolers, some students will be at the beginning of the learning continuum while others may be further along. ALL students, however, will be provided instruction that is differentiated in order to maximize their success toward Pre- K learning objectives.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Good attendance is important for many reasons. Your child receives the maximum benefit of education by being in school every day, and numerous studies show a strong link between academic performance and consistent attendance. Because attendance is so critical for the quality of your child's education, students are expected to adhere to the [BHISD and Texas Compulsory Attendance requirements](#).

## **HEALTH and MEDICATION**

Barbers Hill Early Childhood Center has a full-time nursing staff. Please contact the nurse if your child has any health or medical issues or if you have questions about health services. Medications may not be sent to school with the child. Parents/Legal Guardians need to deliver all medications in the original container to the nurse's office. Prescription medications must be accompanied by a doctor's prescription and consent for the nurse to administer at school.

## **MEALS**

Breakfast and lunch are available through the BHISD Nutrition Program or a child may bring a sack lunch from home. Menus and prices are available on the district webpage. If you need assistance with purchasing meals, please complete the application for free/reduced meals.

## **BEHAVIOR**

BHISD has the highest expectations for student performance and behavior. Student behavior that inhibits other students' ability to learn will result in the student's temporary removal from class. We ask you to be an active partner with us in teaching your child school-appropriate behaviors that will help him/her to succeed in school.

## **SCHOOL DAY AND CALENDAR**

The Pre-K program is an all-day program and will follow the BHISD student school calendar. Regular school hours will be observed with drop-off as early as 8:00 AM (subject to change).

## **SUPPLIES & FIELD TRIPS**

All field trip costs will be provided at no cost to students. Students will be expected to provide their own supplies. If you need assistance with providing supplies, please contact BHISD Social Worker, Lesley Gershmel ([Lgershmel@bhisd.net](mailto:Lgershmel@bhisd.net)).

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Students may ride the bus if needed.