



Dear Parents,

We know how important it is to be well-informed as you make decisions about the academic experiences of your child. We want to make sure we communicate with you the upcoming changes to our Prekindergarten Programs at Judson ISD for the 2023-24 school year. After an extensive program review, the district has redefined the program and district eligibility guidelines to align with the state guidelines for the 2023-24 school year.

### **PreK3 Information**

Judson ISD will continue to offer PreK3 as a **half-day program** for **eligible PreK3 students** who live within the Judson ISD attendance zones.

The morning session will be from 7:30 am -10:30 am and the afternoon session will be from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Bus transportation will not be provided for students attending PreK3.

The Judson PreK3 program is for students who are 3 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of their entrance year, live within JISD boundaries, and meet at least one of the state-defined eligibility criteria (listed on page 2).

**Out-of-District Students-** Only students who reside within Judson ISD attendance zones will be allowed to register for the PreK3 half-day program.

**Judson ISD Employees-** As an additional benefit for Judson ISD employees, Judson ISD staff with PreK3 children who meet eligibility criteria may register to attend PreK3 at no charge. Judson ISD staff with PreK3 children who do not meet the eligibility requirement may opt to participate in the half-day program for a tuition fee of \$2,000 for the year. This will be deducted directly from the paycheck in 10 installments of \$200 beginning in August.

### **PreK4 Information**

Judson ISD will continue to offer full-day programming for eligible PreK4 students.

The Judson PreK4 program is for students who are 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of their entrance year, live within JISD boundaries, and meet at least one of the state-defined eligibility criteria (listed on page 2).

**Out-of-District Students-** For the 2023-24 school year, Judson ISD will allow students who do not reside within the Judson ISD attendance zones but were enrolled in the Judson ISD PreK3 program during the 2022-23 school year to continue their education in Judson ISD. If a student meets the eligibility, there will not be a tuition payment required.

However, if the eligibility requirements are not met, a family may choose to continue in the PreK4 programming by paying a tuition fee of \$5,000 for the 2023-24 school year. This tuition fee will be

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divided into 10 equal payments of \$500. The payment will be made through My School Bucks with the first payment payable upon registration. The nine remaining payments will be made on the first of the month beginning in September of 2023. Non-payment constitutes immediate removal from PreK programming.

**Judson ISD Employee Children-** As an additional benefit for Judson ISD employees, Judson ISD staff with PreK4 children who meet eligibility criteria may register to attend PreK4 at no charge. Judson ISD staff with PreK4 children who do not meet the eligibility requirement may opt to participate in the PreK4 program for a tuition fee of \$4,000 for the year. This will be deducted directly from the paycheck in 10 installments of \$400 beginning in August.

#### **Eligibility Criteria for Prekindergarten** [TEC §29.153 \(b\)](#)

To be eligible for enrollment in a free prekindergarten class, a child must be at least three years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year (if a 3-year-old program is available) or four years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year and meet at least one of the following eligibility requirements:

- unable to speak and comprehend the English language
- is educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the national school lunch program... guidelines about NSLP eligibility can be found in sections 4 and 6 of the Texas Department of Agriculture's [Administrators Reference Manual](#))
- 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](#) or has been in foster care in another state or territory, but currently lives in Texas
- 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](#)

We look forward to continuing our partnership as we build strong academic foundations in our youngest learners. Please reach out to your campus principal should you have any questions or concerns.

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