

# Southwest Public Schools

Preschool Application

School Year 2026-2027

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Assurance of Confidentiality.* The information on this form is being requested on a voluntary basis. The information you provide will help us to deliver or direct services most appropriate for your family's needs. Some of the information may be used to help plan national program initiatives. If you prefer not to provide some of the information, it will not affect the services we try to deliver. However, some information is required for eligibility determination. All information will be held in strict confidence.

**Enrollment in the previous year at Southwest Public Schools Preschool does not guarantee acceptance for the following year. Please see the enclosed Preschool criteria.**

## Section 1: Applicant (child)

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Name your child goes by if other than the legal name above: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity:  White  Black  Native American  Hispanic  Asian  Other

Was he/she born prematurely?  Yes  No If yes, how many weeks? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently have one of the following:

IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan)  IEP (Individual Education Plan)

## Section 2

Primary Supporting Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

biological parent  adoptive parent  step-parent  foster parent  grandparent  
 legal guardian  other

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

## Contact Information:

Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person employed or in school?  Employed full-time  Employed part-time  Unemployed  
 Full-time Student  Part-time Student

Highest level of education completed:

Grade 11 or less  GED  High School Diploma  Vocational Certification  Associates Degree  BA/BS  
 MA/MS  PHD

Primary Supporting Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- biological parent    adoptive parent    step-parent    foster parent    grandparent  
 legal guardian    other

Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State/Zip

**Contact Information:**

Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person employed or in school?    Employed full-time    Employed part-time    Unemployed  
 Full-time Student    Part-time Student

Highest level of education completed:

Grade 11 or less    GED    High School Diploma    Vocational Certification    Associates Degree    BA/BS  
 MA/MS    PHD

What language is spoken at home? Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3**

**Family Composition**

Family type:    One Parent    Two Parent    Foster    Non-Parent

Is this child a member of a dual-custody family?    No    Yes, the child lives in the physical custody of more than one parent/guardian during the enrollment year

The number of adults in the family: \_\_\_\_\_

The number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number in the family: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 4**

**Additional Children in the Family**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 5: Preschool Schedule Information**

Our preschoolers attend **morning preschool classes from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** All Pre-K students eat lunch from **11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Families may choose to have their child stay for the **afternoon extended day preschool**, which runs from **12:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.** Attendance in the extended day session is **optional** — students may be picked up at **12:00 p.m.** if you prefer.

To help us plan, please indicate your preference below:

- Yes**, my child **will attend** the afternoon extended day preschool.
- No**, my child **will not attend** the afternoon extended day preschool.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include email address** where we can send acceptance information:

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17th, 2025**

If the maximum number is not reached, a second consideration date is **April 1, 2026**



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## Preschool Enrollment Criteria

The following criterion outlines how Southwest Public Schools will serve preschool students. The listing starts with students who would be the highest priority. In the event of a tie at any level, the earliest birthdate will be given priority. **Enrollment in the previous year at Southwest Public Schools Preschool does not guarantee acceptance for the following year.**

### **5-Year-Old Preschool (Pre-Kindergarten): Resident of the District**

- **Children who are 5 years of age at the start of the enrollment year**, as long as they do not turn 6 years old before January 1 of that year

### **4-Year-Old Preschool- (Pre-Kindergarten): Resident of the District**

4 years old, **resident** of the district

- ELL- English Language Learner
- Free or Reduced lunch status
- IFSP/IEP- Individualized Family Service Plan/ Individualized Educational Plan

4 years old, **resident** of the district

- No services required

### **3-Year-Old Preschool- (Preschool): Resident of the District**

3 years old, **resident** of the district

- ELL- English Language Learner
- Free or Reduced Lunch Status
- IFSP/IEP- Individualized Family Service/ Individualized Educational Plan

3 years old, **resident** of the district

- No services required

### **4-Year-Old Preschool- (Pre-Kindergarten): Non-Resident of the District**

4 years old, nonresident of the district

- No services required

### Nonresidents of the District

The Southwest Public School Board of Education adopts the following standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications for preschool:

*The school district shall not accept an option student when acceptance of the student:*

- (a) Would increase the operating costs of the school district, such as by requiring the hiring of new staff or contracting with outside entities to provide services to the student;
- (b) Would require the procurement of new equipment, technology, or furnishings;
- (c) Would cause or require the rearrangement of caseloads for staff and contracted professionals;
- (d) Is reasonably deemed by appropriate school staff to pose a potential risk to the health or safety of students or staff;
- (e) May pose a risk of adversely affecting the quality of educational services being provided to resident students, as determined by appropriate school staff.

Age is determined as of July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:           **DECEMBER 17**

If the maximum number (20) is not reached, then a second consideration date is **April 1**.  
**Approved by the SWPS Board of Education on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**