



# Arlington ISD Prekindergarten

Enrolling children in prekindergarten helps to make sure they are ready for kindergarten and sets them on the path for a lifetime of academic success. The Arlington ISD is working to increase academic achievement by expanding prekindergarten offerings in the district, a strategy outlined in the *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan.

The Arlington ISD offers both state-funded and paid prekindergarten programs for 3- and 4-year olds (on or before September 1) at many AISD elementary schools and also at more than 20 day care center locations. The district is also offering full-day paid prekindergarten for 4-year-olds at Duff, McNutt, Moore and Peach elementaries. Half-day programs take place during the mornings (8:20-11:20 a.m.) and afternoons (12:35-3:35 p.m.).

Half-day prekindergarten is free to students who meet certain qualifications, including:

- Qualify for school free/reduced-price lunch program
- Speak limited English
- Are homeless as defined by 42 U.S.C.S. Section 11302
- Are dependents of military personnel who are on active duty or who were injured or killed in action
- Have ever been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services

Paid prekindergarten is available on a first-come, first-served basis and costs \$263/month for the half-day program and \$527/month for the full-day program.

Prekindergarten classes at day care center locations in Arlington include the same three-hour per day curriculum that is being provided at campus locations by a fully-certified Arlington ISD teacher. Wrap-around child care is available at most of the day care center locations, however, children do not necessarily have to be enrolled in the day care to attend during the AISD prekindergarten class time. A list of AISD Community-Based Prekindergarten locations is available at [www.aisd.net/prek](http://www.aisd.net/prek).