



Pre-K Registration for 3 Year Olds

Frequently Asked Questions

How old does my child have to be to qualify for Pre-K for 3 year olds?

Your child must be 3-years-old on or before September 1, of the current school year to enter Pre-K 3.

Does my child have to qualify to enroll in Pre-K 3?

Yes, in North Zulch ISD we are currently able to serve students who qualify under the guidelines given by the state.

What are the guidelines to qualify for Pre-K 3?

Children must meet one of the following requirements:

- is unable to speak and comprehend the English language;
- is eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program
- is homeless, as defined by law
- is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States
- is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty;
- is or ever has been in the foster care
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer; a firefighter, or an emergency medical first responder as each is defined in law.

Do I have to live in the North Zulch ISD attendance boundary for my child to attend the Pre-K 3 program?

Yes, you will have to prove residency within the school district boundaries. Students who do not live within the district boundary, but have an older sibling(s) enrolled in North Zulch ISD would be considered on a case-by-case bases.

Is there a limit to the number of children who will be admitted into the Pre-K 3 Program?

Yes. To keep a small student teacher ratio, the class size will be **limited to the first 10 qualifying students**. Once the first 10 students have met qualifications, all other students will be placed on a waiting list. Parents or guardians will be called if an opening becomes available.

Is the Pre-K 3 full day or half day?

The program is full day from 7:45 – 3:30.

Is bus transportation provided for the Pre-K 3 program?

NO, bus transportation is **NOT** provided for Pre-K 3 students. Parents/Guardians must drop off and pick up their student.

What documents do I need for registration?

Please bring the following documents to the Elementary Office:

- Parent's Driver's License or Texas ID Card
- Student's Proof of Identity (Birth Certificate)
- Immunization/Vaccination Record
- Proof of Residency – North Zulch ISD defines current documentation as anything within the last 30 calendar days.
 - Current Electric, Gas or Water Bill
 - Current Rental or Lease Agreement
 - Most recent Tax Receipt

Additional documents for other qualifiers:

- Income Qualifiers (One of the following)
 - Current paycheck stub
 - Current TANF or SNAP eligibility letter (Medicaid)
- Military Qualifiers (One of the following)
 - Verification of U.S. Department of Defense photo I.D.
 - Statement of service
 - Copy of death certificate
 - Copy of Purple Heart orders and the line of duty determination documentation
 - Copy of official letter from commander
 - Copy of a letter from US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- Foster Care Qualifiers
 - Verification letter of Prekindergarten Eligibility from DFPS or 2085E and 2085FC Forms
 - Copy of the resolution (certificate) awarded to an individual

When can I register my child for Pre-K 3?

A district must verify a student's eligibility for Pre-K in order to receive funding for the Pre-K program. Districts must have the verification document as well as any required documentation on file for their records. **Once the District verifies eligibility, parents/guardians may register their student online.**

What if my child does not meet any of the qualifications?

If less than 10 qualifying students register for the Pre-K 3 program, North Zulch ISD will offer a tuition-based program to fill the remaining spots at a cost of \$350 per month.

If I have questions regarding Pre-K, who do I call or contact for questions?

Please contact the school at 936-241-7100.

What will a typical day look like for my Pre-K 3 student?

- Meet and greet in the classroom
- Breakfast in the classroom
- Circle time/large group instruction
- Small group instruction
- Read alouds
- Outdoor time
- Lunch
- Learning centers
- Large motor and gross motor activities
- Closing circle/preparation for dismissal

Will there be a rest time?

Yes. All 3 year olds will have a rest time each day.

- All students will need a vinyl covered rest mat that can be wiped down and disinfected each day.
 - No stuffed animals or toys will be allowed.
 - Pacifiers are not allowed.
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