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Pre-K 4 SA opens enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year

Pre-K 4 SA focuses on high-quality pre-kindergarten for every 4-year-old across San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Pre-K 4 SA will open the 2018-2019 pre-kindergarten enrollment on February 1. The application process serves families across San Antonio on a first come, first served basis.

Parents of eligible students can apply in one of three ways:

1. Online – complete the entire application process at <http://enroll.prek4sa.com/>
2. Visit an Education Center – Computers and staff are available between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
3. Call – talk to a Pre-K 4 SA staff member on the Enrollment Hotline at (210) 206-PREK

Students must turn 4 years old on or before September 1 of the year they attend Pre-K 4 SA. Each of the four education centers will be filled as qualifying applications are received. Applications will be processed based on eligibility requirements and availability. Accepted applicants will be notified by email beginning the first Monday in February. Notifications will continue each Monday as space is available at each Center.

“The first come, first served enrollment process allows Pre-K 4 SA to eliminate the burden and stress for families seeking access to high-quality pre-kindergarten,” Pre-K 4 SA CEO Sarah Baray said. “It also allows Pre-K 4 SA to stay focused on quality early childhood education and family engagement. We can begin building relationships with our enrolled families, and provide more touch points with children and parents.”

Pre-K 4 SA provides quality curriculum and full-day programming to 4-year-olds living in San Antonio and provides best-in-class professional development to early childhood educators resulting in long-term dividends for students, educators and the community. Baray adds that giving families notice of acceptance as early as possible allows Pre-K 4 SA to provide for assistance to families who may need help finding other high-quality pre-kindergarten options if there are not enough seats at a Pre-K 4 SA center.

“Not only does Pre-K 4 SA welcome 2,000 students in our four education centers each year, but we also provide a comprehensive professional learning department that offers coaching services to educators across the city to demonstrate best-practices in early childhood education,” said Baray. “This combined with Pre-K 4 SA’s \$4.2 million grants program supports teachers, training and technology to San Antonio’s early childhood landscape, and helps create greater access to high-quality curriculum for all of San Antonio’s 4-year-olds.”

In November, Pre-K 4 SA released results on an independent study on student achievement and growth showing Pre-K 4 SA students exceed the national norm in kindergarten readiness. For the fourth straight year, Pre-K 4 SA students surpassed averages in cognitive, literacy and mathematics despite beginning the year significantly below average.

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About Pre-K 4 SA:

Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the education and workforce trajectory of San Antonio in one generation. Pre-K 4 SA offers full-day pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds living in the City of San Antonio. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students and also accepts tuition-paying students. The school day begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Extended hours are available at no additional charge from 7:15 to 8 a.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. for working families. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included and free transportation is available to all students. Pre-K 4 SA has four Education Centers located throughout the city: North Education Center, 3635 Medical Dr.; South Education Center, 7031 S. New Braunfels Ave.; East Education Center, 5230 Eisenhower Rd.; and West Education Center, 1235 Enrique M. Barrera Memorial Parkway. The Pre-K 4 SA Professional Learning program provides pre-kindergarten through third grade educators in San Antonio with complementary continuing education to support best practice instruction to help every child in San Antonio excel. The Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants program provides \$4.2 million in funding annually to increase quality and access in early childhood programs throughout San Antonio.

Visit www.prek4sa.com for more information.

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