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Pre-K 4 SA enrollment for 2019-2020 opens February 1

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

SAN ANTONIO — Pre-K 4 SA will open the 2019-2020 prekindergarten enrollment on February 1 for all four education centers. The application process serves families of 4-year-olds across San Antonio on a first come, first served basis. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students, and also accepts tuition-paying students.

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

“The first come, first served enrollment process at Pre-K 4 SA works for families, and helps to eliminate the stress associated with seeking access to high-quality, full-day prekindergarten,” Pre-K 4 SA CEO Sarah Baray said. “It also allows us to focus on providing quality early childhood education and family engagement. We can immediately begin building relationships with our children and their families.”

Children 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. Enrollment at the four education centers is limited. Pre-K 4 SA will provide 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.

“We are encouraged by the recent Pre-K 4 SA impact study that demonstrates the positive impact of comprehensive, high-quality early learning across San Antonio,” Pre-K 4 SA Board Chair Elaine Mendoza said. “As such, one of the board's primary goals is to ensure not one seat goes unfilled and we maximize the opportunities for 4-year-olds by enrolling 2,000 students.”

In November, Pre-K 4 SA released results of an independent study on student achievement and growth showing Pre-K 4 SA students exceed the national norm in kindergarten readiness. For the fifth straight year, Pre-K 4 SA students made gains that were nearly 20 percent greater than the national comparison group in the cognitive, math, and literacy outcomes. Students closed the gaps and demonstrated they were prepared to enter and succeed in elementary school.

Economic studies demonstrate that every dollar invested in high-quality pre-k yields a 7-10 percent return on investment through higher educational attainment, higher earnings, and better lifetime health outcomes.

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

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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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