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**Enrollment Opens at Pre-K 4 SA for 2021-2022**

***Pre-K 4 SA enhances enrollment process with educational case managers for each family***

**SAN ANTONIO** — Pre-K 4 SA will open prekindergarten enrollment for its 2021-2022 school year on February 1 for its four model education centers, in addition to its replication site, Gardendale Early Learning Program which teaches children in pre-k through second grade. The application process serves families of 4-year-olds across San Antonio on a first come, first served basis. Pre-K 4 SA is open to any child in San Antonio that is four years old on or before September 1.

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

1. Online – complete the entire application process beginning Feb. 1 at <https://prek4sa.com/parents/prospective-parents/application/>
2. Call – talk to a Pre-K 4 SA staff member on the Enrollment Hotline at (210) 206-PREK

Pre-K 4 SA follows the Texas Education Agency (TEA) eligibility requirements offering free early childhood education to qualifying students. Pre-K 4 SA also accepts tuition-paying students on a sliding scale basis for those who do not meet the TEA eligibility requirements. Each of the four education centers will be filled as qualifying applications are received.

In addition to its high-quality curriculum and proven teaching methods, Pre-K 4 SA has added enhancements to make the application and enrollment process less intimidating and easier to navigate for families.

“The addition of our educational case managers during this year’s open enrollment process not only helps eliminate the stress for families seeking access to high quality prekindergarten, but it allows us to immediately begin building relationships with our children and their families,” Pre-K 4 SA CEO Sarah Baray said. “Sometimes school enrollment can be intimidating, especially for those navigating the process for the first time. Applicants will be assigned to a specific case manager who will guide them through the entire application and enrollment process. This begins when the family first submits an application, and then enrolls; that relationship continues throughout the entire year as the child learns and the family engages at Pre-K 4 SA.”

Accepted applicants will be notified by email beginning Monday February 7. 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.

“Pre-K 4 SA’s strategic plan calls for growth in Pre-K 4 SA students, and clearly states the program aims to produce lasting impact for young citizens and their families in our community,” Pre-K 4 SA Board Chair Elaine Mendoza said. “The reauthorization of Pre-K 4 SA for another eight years allows us to continue delivering on the promise of high-quality early learning and all of its benefits for children, families and our community. A specific goal is to increase access to high-quality early learning for all families, including middle-class families, and increase funding with House Bill 3 in the upcoming legislative session. Our strategic plan also includes directing staff to explore the possibility of additional replication sites with our partners to expand early childhood education from birth to eight years of age.”

**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 7:45 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 Gardendale Early Learning Program powered by Pre-K 4 SA is the first replication site and was made possible through a partnership with Edgewood Independent School District. This program creates greater capacity for high-quality early education with both pre-k and kindergarten classrooms. 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 more than \$4 million in funding annually to increase quality and access in early childhood programs throughout San Antonio. Visit [www.prek4sa.com](http://www.prek4sa.com) for more information.

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