

Pre-K

State of Texas providing dollars now to fund full day Pre-K for qualifying students, just as they have been funding full day kindergarten over the last 20+ years for <u>ALL</u> students.

HISTORY

- Head Start has provided early education opportunities for children since the 1960's, starting as a federal initiative when Pre-K and kindergarten did not exist.
- Most students started in 1st grade.
- Modern compulsory education where kindergarten is expected and Pre-K is now fully funded by the State of Texas.

DISTRICT PILOT

- District has piloted four (4) full day Pre-K classes at Andy Woods ES (2 qualifying and 2 tuition).
- Data has come back with high success rates when compared to ½ day Pre-K students and Head Start students when moving on to kindergarten.

STANDARDS, CURRICULUM, & 1ST LEADERSHIP

- Texas and Tyler ISD curriculum and standards exceeds Head Start curriculum and standards.
- District-wide Pre-K will provide opportunity for ownership and supervision of the academic development as aligned to Texas and District standards.
- Instructional leadership and outcome responsibilities will fall upon the campus principal.

OTHER SERVICES

- Wrap around service accessibility for students and their parents will continue.
- The District will be the conduit to health care, medical and other services provided for qualifying students and parents.
- Our elementary counselors provide this currently.

ENROLLMENT

- Tyler ISD has the potential to serve more children through Pre-K.
- There is no cap on our Pre-K and students will be served as long as there is space.

STAFFING

- Head Start staff are under contract or reasonable assurance with Tyler ISD.
- Upon contract obligations, Head Start teachers will become Pre-K teachers, etc.
- Head Start staff under reasonable assurances will be placed as and if appropriate.



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