

Pre-K Qualifications & Documentation Required

To qualify for Pre-K enrollment at Leonard ISD, the child must:

- Turn four (4) years of age on or before Sept. 1 of the target school year; and,
 - Live within the Leonard ISD attendance boundaries, or be accepted as a transfer student; and,
 - Meet one (1) or more of the Pre-K qualifying criterion listed below.
 - Required documentation is listed below each qualification option.
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- ***be unable to speak and comprehend the English language***
 - An appropriate ESL staff member will determine that a student is eligible for Pre-K based on not speaking and comprehending the English language by administering the English Proficiency Test and reviewing the child's Home Language Survey.
 - ***be educationally disadvantaged (eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP);***
 - Income documentation of the last 4 pay stubs for all working adults plus your most current tax return; or your EDG Number assigned to families that qualify for SNAP Food Services (food stamps).
 - ***be homeless;***
 - Most common definition of homeless - Living with family or friends due to hardship. Documentation will be a notarized affidavit from the person whose utilities are in their names, a copy of their light, water or gas bill and a copy of their Driver's License or Photo ID.
 - ***be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority;***
 - A statement of service from the installation adjutant general director of human resources for children of active members, mobilized reservists, or members of the Texas National Guard. For Texas National Guard members (army or air guard), the Texas National Guard's Office of the Adjutant General may provide documentation or an official letter from a commander or for Texas National Guard members (army or air guard), the Texas National Guard's Office of the Adjutant General may provide documentation or an official letter from a commander.
 - ***be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty;***
 - a copy of the death certificate using the service-appropriate DoD form or a DoD form that indicates death as the reason for the separation from service. If the DoD form is not available, the family can ask the casualty assistance office of the closest casualty area command in Texas to provide a memorandum signed by the casualty office stating that the service member was killed in action or died while serving.
 - ***has ever been in the conservatorship of the Texas DFPS (foster care) following an adversary hearing;***
 - the DFPS and Child Protective Services mail verification letters of pre-K eligibility to the parents and caregivers of eligible children. These letters serve as proof of eligibility.
 - ***has been in foster care in another state or territory, if the child resides in this state;***
 - Same as previous documentation.
 - ***is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award such as:***
 - ***a firefighter under Texas Government Code, §3106.003***
 - ***a peace officer under Texas Government Code, §3106.002***
 - ***an emergency medical first responder under Texas Government Code, §3106.004***
 - The resolution (certificate) awarded to an individual serves as proof of eligibility to enroll these children in free pre-K if they are age eligible.