



Special points of interest:

- Pre-K 4 SA is accepting student applications through May 2014
- Students are accepted on a free and tuition basis
- Pre-K 4 SA visited by Mayors for Education Excellence Tour
- Construction is on schedule for new Education Centers



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO Pre-K 4 SA Today

Why Families Should Apply at Pre-K 4 SA

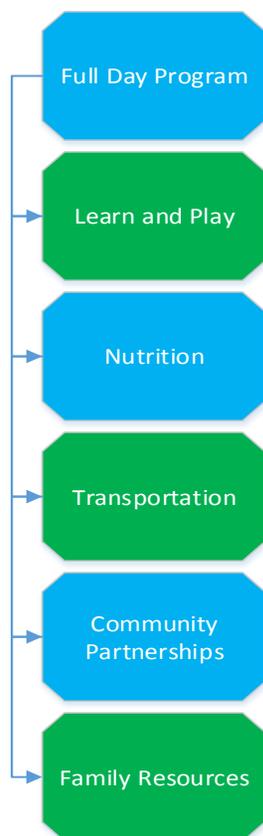
Pre-K 4 SA is now accepting student applications for the 2014-2015 school year. The program will continue to accept applications through May. Families who apply between now and the end of May will be submitted into a June lottery which will be held after the application period closes. Families may submit an application online, by calling (210) 206-7735, or by stopping at one of the

two Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers during the week. The application process is simple and only takes five minutes to complete. The June lottery will determine which students will be selected to attend one of our four Education Centers which will open in August 2014. Pre-K 4 SA staff will contact the selected families in mid-June so that they may complete the registration process.

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A Day at Pre-K 4 SA



Pre-K 4 SA is a full-day pre-kindergarten program for San Antonio four-year-olds. The school day lasts from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Extended day options begin at 7:15 a.m. and after school care is available from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Children have the opportunity to develop and grow to prepare for kindergarten.

Free transportation is available for all Pre-K 4 SA students. Buses have state of the art safety features with built-in car seats and are specifically designed for four-year-olds. Throughout the day, students receive a healthy breakfast, lunch, and two snacks that introduce children to health options like fruits and vegetables.

Pre-K 4 SA emphasizes self-directed learning and builds critical thinking and leadership skills through the chosen curriculum. Pre-K 4 SA uses the Frog Street Press and Teaching Strategies Curricula to deliver fun and engaging lessons for students, and Smart Boards and iPads are available in every classroom.

Pre-K 4 SA partners with the San Antonio community organizations including the San Antonio Children's Museum, the San Antonio Museum of Art, HEB, and UTSA. Families can attend workshops and outings with these organizations and staff, as well as work with Family Specialists to ensure that every family has a positive Pre-K 4 SA experience.

Classroom Activities

Pre-K 4 SA students have been busy with fun, educational projects and activities. In the classrooms, teachers identify children's interests and challenge them to think critically and ask questions. For example, when students demonstrated an interest in roller coasters, their teacher conducted activities that used Pre-K guidelines to provide answers to their questions.

The Centers held a school-wide vote to select mascots for the North and South Education Centers. Teachers used the activity to teach children

about voting and the democratic process. By incorporating children's interests into the classroom, teachers are able to help students to enjoy the process of learning while they also ensure that academic standards are upheld.

Classes are focusing on helping the San Antonio community. One classroom made scarves and donated them to the less fortunate. Another teacher is displaying children's art in a local gallery.

Pre-K 4 SA brings San Antonio into the classrooms by col-

laborating with the San Antonio Children's Museum and the San Antonio Museum of Art. These organizations design special lessons for Pre-K 4 SA students and give students creative learning opportunities.

The Education Centers also have worked to provide learning opportunities for families. Teachers and families take weekend outings to local sites, and families have decorated the Parent Cafes to prepare for a Fiesta celebration. Families were invited to attend Pre-K 4 SA's first book fair at the end of March as well as Literacy Night at the North Education Center.



Events at Pre-K 4 SA

Throughout the first year of operation, a variety of early education related events have taken place at Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers. Events range from those targeting Pre-K 4 SA families to events which draw local and statewide attention. In September 2013, Pre-K 4 SA hosted an attendance rally for the P16 Plus Council of Greater Bexar County in conjunction with SA2020. In October, the Center conducted literacy events for families of the program. Other events have included education workshops for parents and visits by volunteers including the San Antonio Food Bank and other community organizations.

In March, the Pre-K 4 SA South Education Center hosted delegates of the "Mayors for Educational Excellence Tour." While in San Antonio, the Mayors visited Café College and St. Philip's College. Mayor Julián Castro was joined by Mayor Michael Hancock of Denver, Mayor Kevin Johnson of Sacramento, and Mayor Angel Taveras of Providence. City Manager Sheryl Sculley, Pre-K 4 SA CEO Kathy Bruck, and Board Members General Joe Robles and John Folks joined the Mayors on a discussion panel prior to taking a tour of the facility. The mayors discussed goals for education in their own communities and learned

more about the Pre-K 4 SA initiative.



Who is Eligible to Apply at Pre-K 4 SA?

Students applying for the 2014-2015 school year at Pre-K 4 SA must turn four years old by September 1, 2014, and must reside within San Antonio city limits.

State Eligibility

Eligible students must meet one of the following:

1. At or below 185% of Federal Poverty level.
2. Unable to speak or comprehend English as a second language.
3. Child of an active duty member of U.S. Armed Forces.
4. Child of injured or deceased member while serving active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
5. Homeless.
6. Currently or previously in foster care.

Income-Based Eligibility

Students who do not meet state eligibility for free enrollment can pay a nominal tuition to participate in the program.

Tuition costs are based on family income and size and costs are determined through the use of a standardized sliding scale system. Income-based students will undergo the same pre-enrollment process as state eligible students, including the lottery selection taking place in June 2014.

East & West Center Construction Updates

Big changes are taking place at the Pre-K 4 SA East and West Education Center sites which will be completed in August 2014, before the start of the school year. Be on the look-out for new signs at each

of the sites, advertising the coming of the new schools. The East Education Center is located at 5230 Eisenhower Road and the West Education Center will be located at 1235 W. Old Highway 90.

In March, the metal frame of the East Education Center was completed. The walls of the West Education Center were lifted.



East Education Center: 5230 Eisenhower Road



West Education Center, 1235 W. Old Highway 90



April Events

Spring is a great time for families to explore the City. There are many activities taking place throughout the City during the month of April. Join Pre-K 4 SA staff at the following events:

Event	Time	Location
Kids in the Park	Saturday, April 5, 2014 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	San Pedro Springs Park 1415 San Pedro Ave.
Fiesta de los Niños	Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Port San Antonio 200 Goodrich Drive

Spring also is full of opportunities for you to create your own adventures with your family and friends! There are many places in San Antonio that you can explore:

- ✓ Walk along the Mission Reach portion of the Riverwalk
- ✓ Visit to the Alamo and the Missions
- ✓ Enjoy local parks, nature trails and museums

COMING IN MAY...

Join Pre-K 4 SA staff and families on May 17, 2014 at Olmos Park from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The event will include fun, outdoor events. Check out our May newsletter for more information!

Education Center Calendars

APRIL '14						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Both the North and South Education Centers will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2014. The administrative offices will remain open. The Education Centers will reopen on Monday, April 21, 2014.

The Education Centers and the Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, April 25, 2014 and will reopen on Monday, April 28, 2014.

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