



**Special points of interest:**

- Star Shuttle, Inc., a local business, will provide safe transportation for the Pre-K 4 SA program
- Pre-Enrollment is available at six locations May 13 through May 31
- The adopted FY 2014 Pre-K 4 SA budget totals \$23 million
- Construction of the first two Education Centers is on schedule and under budget



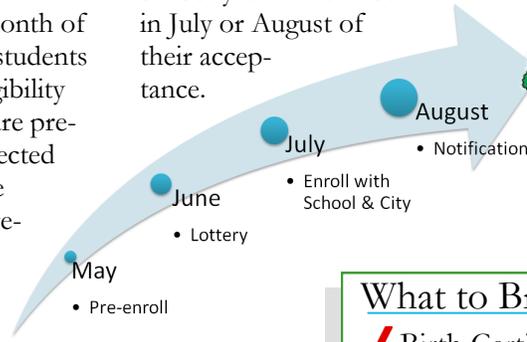
# Pre-K 4 SA Today

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## Steps to Attend Pre-K 4 SA

Pre-enrollment is underway for the 2013—2014 Pre-K 4 SA program that begins August 26, 2013. Pre-enrollment is occurring through the month of May. In June, 700 students who meet state eligibility requirements and are pre-enrolled will be selected through a city-wide lottery to attend Pre-K 4 SA. Beginning in July, lottery-selected students will formally enroll in Pre-K 4 SA through their respective school districts and lottery se-

lected-students who are not state eligible will enroll through the City. All applicants for the inaugural school year will be notified in July or August of their acceptance.



### What to Bring to Pre-Enroll

- ✓ Birth Certificate
  - ✓ San Antonio Proof of Residence
- Bring original copies of both documents

## Why Pre-Enroll?

Pre-K 4 SA is a partnership program between the City of San Antonio and seven San Antonio Independent School Districts. The seven Independent School Districts (ISDs) represent 90% of the Pre-K population in the City. Independent School Districts generally enroll Pre-K students in July and August. To plan for enrolling 700 children in the inaugural Pre-K 4 SA classes, the City and ISDs

designed a “pre-enrollment” period. This period allows the City and ISDs to develop a list of interested parents whose children can be considered for enrollment into Pre-K 4 SA in July.

Unlike Pre-K at traditional ISD schools, Pre-K 4 SA has a fixed number of students that can attend each year. A lottery will fairly select students for the 700 available seats this inaugural year.

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Pre-Enrollment information available at

[sanantonio.gov/prek4sa](http://sanantonio.gov/prek4sa)

## Transportation

Every aspect of Pre-K 4 SA’s free transportation is designed to deliver the highest level of safety, including the decision to use Star Shuttle, Inc. as the transportation provider. Star Shuttle is a local company with 21 years of safe, reliable service.

Parents will be able to drop-off/pick-up their child at a designated secure location that will be owned and operated by the City. They will be staffed, safe and secure. Star Shuttle school buses will transport children from the drop-off/pick-up locations to the Education Centers and

back at the end of the school day.

Following best practices, Star Shuttle’s busses will security cameras and integrated child seats. Additionally, Star Shuttle has one of the highest bus driver retention rates, allowing parents a chance to get to know the driver’s. Parents are welcome to ride along with their children during the first few weeks of school.



An example of the integrated child restraint system to be used when transporting Pre-K 4 SA students

## Budget Adoption

The operating budget for this school year—beginning Au-

gust 26, 2013—is \$23 million. The projected budget for 2015 is \$31 million. By year eight, Pre-K 4 SA’s budget will be \$46 million.

Sales tax is the main funding source for the program, with state and federal grants also adding to total revenue. As indicated in the eight-year financial forecast below, there will be ending balances that will carry over to the follow-

ing year’s budget. The Education Centers represent 39% (\$ 8,899,539) of the 2014 budget. Also in the year one budget is close to \$2 million for professional development, \$1 million for transportation services, and resources to begin an eight year independent program evaluation. The program has budgeted for 158 employees in year one.



8-Year Financial Forecast	Adopted Budget		Forecasted Budget						
	Jan-June 2013	Year 1 FY 2014	Year 2 FY 2015	Year 3 FY 2016	Year 4 FY 2017	Year 5 FY 2018	Year 6 FY 2019	Year 7 FY 2020	Year 8 FY 2021
Beginning Balance	\$ 0.0	\$ 6.5	\$ 15.5	\$ 19.6	\$ 23.3	\$ 19.6	\$ 16.4	\$ 13.8	\$ 11.5
Total Revenues	\$ 7.3	\$ 32.0	\$ 36.1	\$ 37.8	\$ 39.9	\$ 40.9	\$ 41.9	\$ 43.0	\$ 36.5
Total Expenditures	\$ 0.8	\$ 23.0	\$ 31.9	\$ 34.1	\$ 43.6	\$ 44.1	\$ 44.6	\$ 45.3	\$ 46.4
Ending Balance	\$ 6.5	\$ 15.5	\$ 19.6	\$ 23.3	\$ 19.6	\$ 16.4	\$ 13.8	\$ 11.5	\$ 1.6

Amounts shown are in millions



# May 13 - May 31

## Pre-Enrollment Locations

Days	Time	Location	Address
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri Tuesday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Cortez Branch Library	2803 Hunter Blvd.
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri Tuesday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Maverick Branch Library	8700 Mystic Park
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri Tuesday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Mission Branch Library	3134 Roosevelt
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri Tuesday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Willie Velasquez Learning Center	1302 N. Zarzamora
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri Wednesday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Claude Black Community Center	2805 E. Commerce St.
Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri Monday	Noon - 5:00 pm Noon - 7:00 pm	Thousand Oaks Branch Library	4618 Thousand Oaks

## Eligibility Requirements

All students who are four years old on or before September 1 are eligible for Pre-K 4 SA.

### State Eligibility

Eligible students must meet one of the following requirements.

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. Income-based students must enroll through the City.

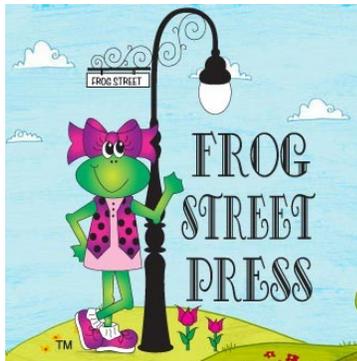
Tuition costs are based on family income and size. Income-based students will go through the same pre-enrollment process as state eligible students, including lottery selection.



## Grass-Roots Efforts

In cooperation with groups such as the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, and Family Service Association, Pre-K 4 SA is hitting the pavement with targeted grass-root outreach efforts, to include providing pre-enrollment opportunities at after-school sites and at neighborhood events. Check [sanantonio.gov/prek4sa](http://sanantonio.gov/prek4sa) or call 207-PREK (7735) to find out what's happening in your neighborhood.





## Curriculum Selection

Pre-K 4 SA will use Frog Street Press as the foundational curriculum for the program. Frog Street Press offers an innovative curriculum that is user friendly and enjoyed by children and teachers alike. The curriculum can be tailored to the child's needs and helps

facilitate parent involvement. The decision to use Frog Street Press was made after receiving nine proposals from notable curriculum companies and vetting each through a committee of 15 educational professionals and the public.

## Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers

Pre-K 4 SA will have two Education Centers in year one and four in year two. Construction of the first two Education Centers—one in the north and one in the south—is under budget and on schedule to be completed by August 1.

The criteria and selection process for Education Centers three and four—one in

the east and one in the west—has recently been approved. In May and June, Pre-K 4 SA will receive contractor bids to build these next two Centers. Final contractor and site selection will be in June. Each of the four Cen-



**South Education Center**  
2535 SE Military Dr.

ters will have 25 classrooms, parent resource centers, and other leading amenities.

## Child Nutrition

All meals for students will be free and include breakfast, lunch, and two afternoon snacks. The goal is to provide students with nutritious, healthy meals throughout the day and to educate them on the importance of healthy eating habits.

Pre-K 4 SA obtained proposals from food service provid-

ers locally and nationally. All interested companies have submitted their requests which are currently under review. The recommended food service provider contract will be taken to Pre-K 4 SA's

Board of Directors for approval in June.



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