APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

Tuition-Based Childcare for District Employees

A North East ISD Early Childhood Alliance combining the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities and tuition-based childcare for district employees.

Purpose
The purpose of the Ready, Set…Go! Program is to provide age-appropriate learning experiences for preschool age children by creating an inclusive, developmentally appropriate environment in which all children experience success.

Eligibility
- Employees' children must be typically developing preschoolers, turning three or four years of age on or before September 1st. Children who turn 3 years of age after September 1st of the current school year will be considered on an individual basis for the Ready, Set…Go! Program based on program availability, following their third birthday. Children turning 3 years of age after December 1st will not be eligible for the Ready, Set…Go! Program until the following year.
- Parent/Guardian of the child must be an employee of North East ISD and cannot be a Substitute or Temporary Hire employee of the district.
- The NEISD employee who is a parent/guardian of a child in the RSG program may reside outside of the NEISD boundaries while the child participates in the RSG program. Once the RSG child is eligible for Kindergarten (5 years of age on or before September 1st) the child no longer meets RSG eligibility criteria. At this time, the child is eligible for Kindergarten at the home campus within the boundaries of the school district which the parent/guardian resides.

A $150.00 non-refundable registration fee per child per year will be collected. The registration fee may be paid by cash, personal check, money order or cashiers check made payable to NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. An Operational Policies and Procedures Handbook is explained to parents/guardians at registration. Parents/Guardians sign a receipt acknowledging receipt, understanding and agreement to follow all procedures and requirements outlined in the NEISD Ready, Set…Go! Operational Policies & Procedures Handbook.

Selection Criteria *Please read updated information*
Enrollment will occur on a first come, first served basis, until all openings are filled. (13 childcare slots, per program) An enrollment waiting list will be maintained if all spots are not filled.

Tuition
Tuition of $550.00 will be collected monthly beginning August through May. The total annual tuition is $5500.00 Tuition covers the early childhood certified teacher’s salary, childcare worker’s salary and other related expenses.

Termination of Participation
NEISD may, in its sole discretion, terminate the participation of any child in the program “upon 10 days of written notice” to the child’s parent/guardian.
**Class Hours**

Childcare is provided on NEISD staff development/work days prior to the start of the school year and on district staff development/work days during the school year. Childcare will not be provided on NEISD school holidays or if the campuses are closed due to weather or emergencies. To begin and end the day, children must be escorted to/from the classroom by an authorized adult. The authorized adult must sign the child in and out each day. Children may be brought to the classroom as early as 6:50 a.m. and MUST be picked up no later than 5:30 p.m. Staff development days will follow the same schedule from 6:50 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Daily Activities/Other Information**

The Ready, Set…Go! Class comprises of 13 students who are enrolled in RSG and a varying number of preschoolers with special needs who receive services through Preschool Programs for Children with Disabilities (PPCD). The class is co-taught by a PPCD teacher and RSG teacher. The teachers provide a variety of developmentally appropriate activities and lessons throughout the day. Parent/Guardian is responsible for providing breakfast and lunch each day and parents may purchase an NEISD cafeteria meal ticket or send sack meals. Breakfast and lunch purchased from the cafeteria will be charged at the guest rate. Sack meals and snacks MUST be provided on staff development and teacher work days. The children will be encouraged to rest at least one hour each day with the opportunity to rest up to 1 & 1/2 hours, if needed. The Ready, Set…Go! children may participate in a field trip during the school year. Fees other than transportation will be the responsibility of parents during a scheduled field trip. Each Ready, Set…Go! child will receive a developmental checklist twice a year to indicate progress in the program.

*(Note- No Payment is required when the application is submitted. Parents are contacted once an opening is available at the RSG campus selected. Please note that campus assignments will be made on a first come, first served basis.)*

For additional information please contact Elizabeth Gutierrez at egutie7@neisd.net.

The RSG application can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

https://goo.gl/forms/CtHJgrGyHHX57GP02

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