

**Spring Branch Independent School District  
Agenda Item Information**

**Date of Board Meeting:** January 21, 2008

**Subject:** Request for Approval of Pre-Kindergarten Tuition for 2008-2009

**Administrator Responsible:**

**Name:** Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.

**Position:** Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

**Purpose of Agenda Item:**

Information only       Action needed       Report

**Additional Information and/or Back-Up:**

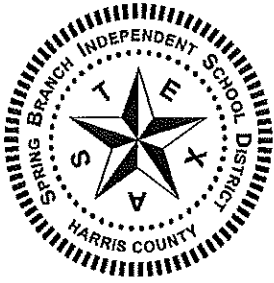
The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires any school district that is charging tuition for ineligible pre-kindergarten students to receive Board approval as well as submit a letter to the agency with program information. Students are determined ineligible if they do not meet one or more of the five guidelines set forth by the federal and state government. These are:

- Limited English Proficient
- Homeless
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- Military Families
- Foster Care

The Spring Branch Independent School District will maintain the pre-kindergarten tuition rate at \$4,500 a year, broken down as \$500 a month over 9 months. A scholarship program is offered for those families who cannot afford to pay tuition.

2007-2008  
Prekindergarten Scholarship Rubric

FAMILY SIZE	ELIGIBLE FOR PK	FULL SCHOLARSHIP Income up to...	PAYS \$150 Income up to...	PAYS \$250 Income up to...	PAYS \$350 Income up to...
1	\$18,889.00	\$28,889.00	\$38,889.00	\$48,889.00	\$58,889.00
2	\$25,327.00	\$35,327.00	\$45,327.00	\$55,327.00	\$65,327.00
3	\$31,765.00	\$41,765.00	\$51,765.00	\$61,765.00	\$71,765.00
4	\$38,203.00	\$48,203.00	\$58,203.00	\$68,203.00	\$78,203.00
5	\$44,561.00	\$54,561.00	\$64,561.00	\$74,561.00	\$84,561.00
6	\$51,079.00	\$61,079.00	\$71,079.00	\$81,079.00	\$91,079.00
7	\$57,517.00	\$67,517.00	\$77,517.00	\$87,517.00	\$97,517.00
8	\$63,955.00	\$73,955.00	\$83,955.00	\$93,955.00	\$103,955.00
per add. member		\$6,438.00			



**Duncan F. Klussmann, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

January 21, 2008

Dr. Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Director  
School Finance and Fiscal Analysis Division  
Texas Education Agency  
1701 North Congress Ave.  
Austin, Texas 78701

Subject: Tuition Approval for Pre-Kindergarten Program for 2008-2009

Dear Dr. Dawn-Fisher:

The Texas Education Agency requires any school district that is charging tuition for ineligible pre-kindergarten students to submit a request for approval regarding these tuition charges each school year.

For the 2008-2009 school year, we will charge a rate of \$500 a month per ineligible student for a full day program, payable over a 9-month period. Typical class sizes for pre-kindergarten classes are at a ratio of 22:1, with a full time, certified teacher and a non-certified paraprofessional in each pre-kindergarten classroom.

The scholarship program is based on the federal guidelines for free and reduced lunch (see attachment). Parents can receive a full scholarship in the amount \$500, or, based on income, they can receive a scholarship in increments of \$100, up to the full amount of the tuition costs. Parents may submit an application with their previous year income tax return. Scholarships are reviewed throughout the year, as new children enroll.

If you should have questions or need more information regarding this program, please contact Jennifer Blaine, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, at 713-464-1511, Extension 2320.

Sincerely,

Duncan F. Klussmann, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure: Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Rubric

cc: Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.  
Karen Wilson

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