



***"ECC is a wonderful program! It's been wonderful to have my son at my campus. The curriculum and teachers are excellent. My son has learned so much and has had an excellent 'inclusion' experience."***

*Vikki Jennings, ECC parent.*

***"The program benefits NISD families. It helps daycare situations for families to be less stressful. The staff members provide such a nurturing educational experience for little ones; which is a wonderful benefit."***

*Michele Guyer, ECC parent.*

## **Our Goal**

*The goal of the Early Childhood Collaboration 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.*

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# **Early Childhood Collaboration**

***An Inclusive Preschool for Children of  
Northside ISD Employees***

## Eligibility Requirements

- Children must be three or four years old to be enrolled in the program.
- The parent or legal guardian of the child must be an employee of Northside ISD.
- Enrollment occurs on a first come, first serve basis, until all openings are filled.
- An enrollment waiting list is maintained for up to four years in advance.

\*Employees do not have to reside in Northside ISD to participate in the program since this is a tuition based program.

## General Information

Federal law requires that children with special needs have the opportunity to be educated in classrooms with their typical peers (inclusion). In order to provide that inclusion, NISD offers employees the opportunity to enroll their own children in a preschool program, at a cost that is comparable to commercial daycare centers.

The ECC program is a full day and tuition based inclusive program for Northside ISD employees' children. Each class will consist of twelve employees' children and the 3 and 4 year old children with special needs attending the ECC campus.

The program is available from 6:50 am - 5:20 pm every school day, including staff development and work days prior to the start of school and during the school year. The program is located on selected elementary campuses throughout the district.

Each parent or guardian is responsible for providing lunch and daily snacks. Meal tickets can be purchased from the school cafeteria. The children will be encouraged to rest at least one hour each day with the opportunity to rest up to two hours if needed.



***"My kids have prospered in the program. They are able to write their names, write the majority of the letters of the alphabet and understand classroom settings. Our third child is going in next year and we look forward to a wonderful educational start!"***

***Marcia Dreiss, ECC parent.***

## Curriculum and Instruction

The curriculum is planned to incorporate the Texas Education Agency's PreK guidelines for three and four-year-old children. Each classroom is structured around the High/Scope framework, which emphasizes active learning, problem solving, and conflict resolution with adult interaction and support.

Each classroom has a consistent daily routine and is rich with age appropriate materials that are easily accessible and well organized, helping children become independent learners.

The DLM Early Childhood Express PreK curriculum, NISD PreK Science and Social Studies Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears and the Growing Readers Curriculum, among others, are all used as resources during the daily routine experiences.

The children will receive a developmental progress report each nine weeks.

Each class is staffed with a certified early childhood teacher, a certified special education teacher and at least one instructional assistant.

## Tuition

Northside ISD taxes do not support this program. All costs are borne by the parents of the children.

The tuition is paid through employee payroll deduction for 10 months, with the first deduction taken from the end-of-August paycheck and the last one taken from the end-of-May paycheck.

There is a non-refundable registration fee per child per year that is paid at the time of registration.

The following information will be required at the time of registration:

- certified copy of child's birth certificate
- updated immunization record
- child's social security number
- proof of residence (electric bill, lease, mortgage papers, etc.) and
- driver's license (of parent registering child).



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