



# **Pre-Kindergarten 2026 - 2027!**

## **Gilbert Campus**

**Hello!** You are receiving this document in response to the application you submitted for pre-kindergarten for the 2026 - 2027 school year at **EDUPRIZE Gilbert**. Thank you so much for your interest in our school! It is greatly appreciated.

Our pre-kindergarten program is a wonderful way to introduce your child to EDUPRIZE and is intended for those families who plan to continue their child(ren)'s elementary education with us! The curriculum is designed to prepare your child for our kindergarten program. In fact, **all pre-kindergarten students will have priority registration status for kindergarten the following school year**. Children will acquire a love of learning in a nurturing environment that will teach them how to become successful students. This program is taught by highly-qualified, Arizona Department of Education-certified teachers.

### **Requirements of pre-kindergarten students at EDUPRIZE:**

- Your child must be 4 years old by **11:59 pm on 8/31/2026**.
- Your child must be fully potty-trained.
- Your child must bring a snack and water bottle each day.

### **Important notes:**

- Our pre-kindergarten classroom is state-certified and has its own lavatory facilities.
- Recess is held on our separate kindergarten/pre-k playground.
- Drop off and pick up is done in person and we do our best to make it as convenient as possible.
- We do not offer Special Education services, including speech, in pre-k (we do for KG - 12<sup>th</sup>).
- We do not offer English language acquisition services in pre-k (we do for KG - 12<sup>th</sup>).

### **How do I register?**

First, please know that you have added your child to the **interest list**. There is a second **registration process** that will need to be completed in order to fully enroll at EDUPRIZE. Pre-kindergarten registration is separate from Kindergarten registration. There are different forms to complete, as it is a private program with no state funding. All pre-kindergarten students will **ALSO** need to go through the kindergarten registration process (with priority) for the following school year in order to continue as EDUPRIZE Eagles for kindergarten!

- Registration for the 2026 - 2027 school year will open in December.
- All communication regarding registration will be sent by email. Openings will be offered to sibling applicants first, and then to new families, by date of application.
  - Sibling families are typically able to obtain their first-choice pre-k program schedule (M-F, M/W/F, or Tu/Th), but if a particular day fills, spots will be awarded based on date of application.

- Siblings are NOT guaranteed a spot in pre-kindergarten, but are given priority as mentioned above. You have completed the first step, which is to join the interest list. Additionally, **you will need to complete the registration process in order to secure your child's placement.** Registration will be closed once classes have filled. We do not overbook pre-k classes.
- Spots will be offered by email and/or phone call.
  - Spots go VERY quickly! Once a spot has been offered, you will have **48 hours to respond.** We will send out an email to everyone on the waiting list announcing that registration is beginning. Please know that it may take weeks to contact all families and fill all the openings, so please be patient during that time. We will send another email if all classes reach capacity.
- Registering is EASY! When offered the opportunity to register, you will submit your child's registration online via the Infinite Campus parent portal. The following documents are required:
  - A copy of the child's **Birth Certificate**
  - A current copy of the child's **Immunization Record**
  - **Proof of Arizona Residency**
  - If applicable, a copy of any **legal guardianship/custody documents** that you wish us to have on file
  - **Payment** to cover either the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter tuition or the yearly discounted amount. **Payment is required** to secure your child's spot. Please note that all payments are **non-refundable and non-transferable.**
- Once this process is complete, **your child will be registered and his/her pre-k spot secured** for the 2026 - 2027 school year!

### **Waiting list:**

- If your preferred program schedule is full when your turn to register comes, you will have the option of registering for an available schedule and then going on the waiting list for your preferred schedule. If a spot opens mid-year, you will have the option to change schedules at that time.

### **Program Options for 2026 - 2027:**

- The 2026 - 2027 pre-kindergarten program offerings can be found on a separate attachment titled "Pre-K 26-27 Info Sheet." Please be sure to read about the program options carefully and be aware of the payment requirements. Prices and times for the 2026 - 2027 pre-kindergarten program are subject to slight changes prior to the start of the school year.
- **All money paid is non-refundable and non-transferable, so please decide thoughtfully!**
- We currently offer a full-day class and a morning-only class. We hope to offer an afternoon-only class as well for the 2026 - 2027 school year, provided there is enough interest.

### **Campus Tours:**

Tours are a great way to learn about EDUPRIZE and parents are encouraged to attend! Tour dates and information are listed on our website here: [Gilbert Campus Tours](#).

- Elementary tours typically begin in Building 1—it is on the southern end of our campus and has a B1 in the upper right-hand corner of the building.
- Our tours begin promptly at the start time! Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get settled.
- Tours are typically 60 to 90 minutes long.

- We welcome school-aged children at our nighttime tours so that they, too, can see the campus! Very young children may have difficulty attending tours. Please see our website for more information regarding children and our tours.
- If you are joining us for a daytime tour, please bring your photo ID, as you will need to exchange it for a visitor badge at the front desk of Building 1.
- Tour sizes are limited! Please see our website for the link to sign up. Thanks!

**For those considering early entrance to KG 2026-27 (birthdates from 9/1/2021 through 12/31/2021):**

- Some of you have children with fall birthdays and may be deciding whether to test for early entrance to kindergarten or enroll in pre-kindergarten for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
- Choosing to test for early entrance to kindergarten is a big decision! It has long-term ramifications and requires careful consideration by both the parent and the school. We want every child to have a positive start to their school career!
- If you have indicated an interest in early entrance to kindergarten, you will receive separate information concerning kindergarten. Kindergarten registration will open in November. My suggestion, if you truly are undecided, is to register for both kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, to ensure that your child has a spot reserved in each program. Early entrance testing typically happens in the springtime. We give the test as close to the start of school as possible in order to give children maximum opportunity to mature before being evaluated. If your child tests "ready for kindergarten" and is registered for both programs, you will need to decide whether to proceed with kindergarten or pre-k at that time. In this situation, and this situation only, we allow for refunds of whichever program you choose to decline, so long as you do enroll in one of the programs.
- Early entrance for kindergarten is a process that begins with a mandatory principal meeting and then a comprehensive evaluation sometime in the spring of 2026. There is a \$100 non-refundable fee for having your child evaluated. Detailed information is included in the kindergarten communication. If you are considering early entrance testing for kindergarten 2026 - 2027 and you have not received kindergarten information from us, please let us know and we will send it to you.

**What's next?**

- Watch your email for updates!
- Pre-k registration will begin in December.

**Should you wish to be removed from our waiting list:**

- We realize that situations change, therefore, if you would like to be taken off our waiting list for pre-kindergarten for 2026 - 2027, please send an email to [gilbertenrollment@eduprize.com](mailto:gilbertenrollment@eduprize.com) and provide the following:
  - Child's name
  - Your name
  - State the request to be taken off the **pre-kindergarten** waiting list
  - State whether you wish to REMAIN on the **kindergarten** 2027 - 2028 waiting list
- We appreciate you letting us know and wish you good luck in your search for pre-kindergarten!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this information and for looking at the included attachments. Should you have any additional questions, you may contact us at the email/phone number listed below. We look forward to working with you!

Best regards,

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