

## Preschool Enrollment Information

Southern Public Schools preschool enrollment guidelines are set in order to maximize the supports and potential of students in need within our communities. Little Raiders Preschool registration will officially start on January 1 and it will run until March 15. The district will hold a registration day during parent teacher conferences at the Elementary School on February 15, 2023. The registration day will run from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and it will be held at the Elementary School. There will be Southern staff available to help potential parents/guardians fill out the Little Raiders Preschool application. Parents will also be notified of acceptance into Little Raiders Preschool by April 1.

Priority for enrollment into the Little Raiders Preschool program is based on the following indicators in order of importance:

1. Children Living Within the District Boundaries,
2. Preschool Eligible,
  - a. Must be 3 on or before July 31, 2023, for all-day 3-year-old program in Blue Springs,
  - b. Must be 4 on or before July 31, 2023, for all-day 4-year-old program in Blue Springs,
3. Income Eligibility,
4. Students with Disabilities,
5. English Learners, and
6. Date of Completion of the Preschool Application.

***Please Note:*** Children may attend Little Raiders Preschool until they are eligible for kindergarten. A child is eligible for kindergarten if they turn 5-years-old on or before July 31, 2023.

There is a total of 20 spots for the all-day 4-year-old preschool program in Blue Springs and there is a total of 10 spots for the all-day 3-year-old preschool program in Blue Springs because of capacity limitations. A total of 20 slots will be filled in the all-day 4-year-old program and a total of 10 slots will be filled in the all-day 3-year-old program. Movement into either 3-year-old or 4-year-old program will occur throughout a given school year. This includes children moving into the district and movement between preschool programs based on age requirements.