

***Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Information Sheet***

Date: July 28, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Discussion of Potential Early Childhood Education Partnership

Purpose of Agenda Item: Information only

Background Information: Pre-k partnerships exist when a Local Education Agency (LEA) partners with one or more quality-rated childcare programs to provide high-quality care and education to 3- and 4-year-old children. Childcare programs must meet at least one of the criteria in [Texas Education Code §29.171](#):

- **Accreditation:** Be accredited by a research-based, nationally recognized, and universally accessible system approved by the TEA, or by an organization recognized by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC)
- **Texas Rising Star:** Hold an active **3- or 4-star** certification.
- **Texas School Ready!:** Be a certified participant in the TSR! project

In a pre-k partnership, eligible 3- and 4-year-old children are part of both public school pre-k and the childcare program. The children stay at the childcare center for pre-k instruction and before- and after-school care. The teacher leading the pre-k part of the class can work for the school or the childcare program and needs to meet specific standards.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirement: None

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Attachments: 1) Information on Program
2) Presentation

Signature Requested: No