

MIAMIBEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 127-2022

LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

From: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

Date: April 4, 2022

Subject: Prekindergarten Program Update 2022-23

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to update you on the status of the City of Miami Beach's Prekindergarten (PreK) Program for Miami Beach residents for the 2022-2023 school year, approved at the May 12, 2021 Commission meeting. The Prekindergarten Program will expand hourly access to high quality PreK providers by providing up to \$2,700 to 92 eligible Miami Beach families in 2022-23.

A computerized lottery was held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 to place all resident applicants in a numerical order for stipend receipt. There were 160 applications submitted of which 11 were duplicates yielding 149 applications. Staff from the Office of Organizational Development Performance Initiatives (Education) have been gathering required information from all applicants to ensure eligibility and PreK enrollment.

The chart below provides the status of all applications as of April 4, 2022:

Total # of PreK 2022-23 Applicants	149
# Eligible Applicants	137
# Ineligible Applicants	12
# Applicants Approved to receive \$2,700 stipend in 2022-23	92
# Applicants on wait list (no funds available)	45

Applicants on the wait list are aware that the \$250,000 funds allocated for the 2022-23 school year have been encumbered. The PreK website located at www.miamibeachfl.gov/prek provides an overview of the program, lottery results, and provider information (Attachment A).

We will continue to support our vision of being a prosperous city with a special flavor of arts, culture, education, and business with management objectives of being known for (K-12) educational excellence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Learning and Development Officer.

Attachment
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Attachment A City of Miami Beach PreK Website www.miamibeachfl.gov/PreK



PREKINDERGARTEN PILOT PROGRAM 2022-2023

The City of Miami Beach has approved a Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program for the 2022-23 school year. The CITY will provide a stipend in the amount of up to \$2,700.00 per school year, to cover up to an additional 450 instructional hours representing up to 2.5 hours per day for 180 days, payable on a reimbursable basis. Program Instructional Hours may only be applied toward programming occurring during the regular school hours for PreK Education Program.

Applications will be accepted until December 8, 2021. The lottery will be held on December 9, 2021.

Families who live in the City of Miami Beach and who have a child (ren) who is 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022 or has a birthday that falls between February 2, 2017 to September 1, 2018. One Parent/Guardian must be a resident of the City of Miami Beach upon submission of the application and throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

[Apply Now - Parent/Guardian \(English\)](#) [Inscribase Ahora - Padre/Madre/Tutor Legal](#)
[LTC](#)

Program funding is limited, not all persons on the lottery waitlist will be contacted. Staff will contact applicants in the order of selection by a computerized lottery process which will establish a numerical order of service until all funds are exhausted. Results from the lottery will be posted on the City's website including the name, confirmation number, and lottery number.

PREK PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

WHO is eligible for the PreK stipend:

Families who live in the City of Miami Beach and who have a child (ren) who is 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022 or has a birthday that falls between February 2, 2017 to September 1, 2018. One Parent/Guardian must be a resident of the City of Miami Beach upon submission of the application and throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Program funding is limited, not all persons on the lottery waitlist will be contacted. Staff will contact applicants in the order of selection by a computerized lottery process which will establish a numerical order of service until all funds are exhausted. Results from the lottery will be posted on the City's website including the name, confirmation number, and lottery number.

Required Documentation:

Proof of City of Miami Beach Residency – At least one (1) document from the list of primary source documents and one (1) document from the list of secondary sources of documents, listed below, shall be required.

Primary Sources of Proof of Residency (At least 1):

- Valid Photo ID issued by local state (Driver's license)
- Valid Photo ID issued by federal agency (Passport)

Secondary Sources of Proof of Residency (One (1) of the following monthly bill/statement with the resident's name and address that has been mailed within the last 30 days)

- Utility bill (FPL, phone, gas, cable)
- Cell phone bill
- Bank statement
- Credit card statement
- Vehicle insurance bill
- Mortgage statement
- Property tax statement (last one received)
- Voter registration

Note: Internet Electronic bills are not acceptable proof of domicile.

Proof of Child's Age – At least one (1) of the following documents will be required:

- an original or certified copy of the child's birth record filed according to law with the appropriate public officer;
- an original or certified copy of the child's certificate of baptism or other religious record of the child's birth, accompanied by a notarized affidavit stating that the certificate is true and correct, sworn to or affirmed by the child's parent;
- an insurance policy on the child's life which has been in force for at least two years;
- a passport or certificate of the child's arrival in the United States;
- an immunization record signed by a public health officer or licensed practicing physician; or
- a valid military dependent identification card or a federal or state government issued identification card.

[Pilot Program Presentation](#) [Presentación del Programa Piloto](#)
[PreK Pilot Program Q&A \(English and Español\)](#)

PROVIDER

Who is Eligible to be a PreK Provider?

To be eligible to deliver the CMB PreK Program services, Provider must be a traditional public school, or one of the following private PK Education Program providers: (1) a child care facility licensed under Section 402.305, Florida Statutes; a family day care home licensed under Section 402.315, Florida Statutes; a licensed large family child care licensed under Section 402.313, Florida Statutes; a non-public school exempt from licensure under Section 402.302(5)(2); or a faith-based child care provider exempt from licensure under Section 402.316, Florida Statutes.

The CITY is responsible for determining eligibility of Provider to participate in the CMB Program. The CITY will provide confirmation of eligibility via e-mail from the CITY's Chief Learning Officer.

The CITY will provide a stipend to cover up to an additional 450 instructional hours. The Program Instructional Hours may not serve to supplant or duplicate funding provided by Third Party Funders which is received by the participants. The Program Instructional Hours may serve to provide additional PreK Education Program hours, beyond those funded through Third Party Funders, or may serve as stand-alone stipend.

Payment Rate: Provider will be entitled to receive payment for eligible Program Instructional Hours of service provided during the Term, to be paid at Provider's regular rate or \$6.00 per hour, whichever is less, for up to 2.5 hours per day for 180 days, not to exceed \$2,700 per applicable school year per participant child. Any discounts based on income or other Provider offerings available to the eligible participant will decrease the amount due from the CITY, as applicable.

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[Invoicing Information](#) [Vendor Registration Form](#) [W9](#)