



Independent School District

Alief Independent School District Autism Grant Center for Early Autism Intervention

Alief ISD is offering a full-day specialized autism project at Mahanay Elementary School. Participation is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw your child from the project at any time. Interested parents/guardians should submit an application in accordance with the instructions below.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND CONSENT FORM:

Program Information

- The Center for Early Autism Intervention is designed for students who meet the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/Texas Education Agency special education eligibility criteria of:
 - a) Autism or Non-Categorical Early Childhood for suspected Autism; and
 - b) Autism or Non-Categorical Early Childhood-Autism and a Speech Impairment.
- For the 2019-2020 school year, the Center for Early Autism Intervention is only accepting students who are age 3-5 years old, and enrollment is capped at a maximum of 40 students.
- There is NO fee to apply or to attend the Center for Early Autism Intervention.
- Students will be intermittently assessed using a variety of tools (eg VBMAPP, Rethink Autism, functional analysis, etc.), and results will be sent to the Texas Education Agency.

Applicant Criteria

- The student must be 3-5 years old on or before September 1, 2019;
- The student must be eligible to attend school in Alief ISD;
- Prior to March 1, 2019, the student's Full Individual Evaluation ("FIE") must be accepted by the ARD Committee, and the ARD Committee must verify eligibility for special education and related services as a student with:
 - a) Autism or Non-Categorical Early Childhood for suspected Autism; or
 - b) Autism or NCEC-Autism and a Speech Impairment; and
- The parent/guardian must fully and accurately complete this application by the applicable deadline.

Application Process

Applications may be submitted in person at the **Administration Building at 4250 Cook Rd, Houston, TX 77072** or **via email at Shanna.Bodenhamer@aliefisd.net**. **All applications must be received by April 19, 2019.**

Applications will be time and date stamped upon receipt, and the District will evaluate applications in the order in which they were received. The District will first review the submitted applications to ensure that all sections are completed. To determine the students who will receive an offer to participate in the Center for Early Autism Intervention, the District will then evaluate each application to determine the number of points based upon the applicant criteria and rank each application by point total. The District will then determine to who will receive an offer to participate in the Center for Early Autism Intervention project by use of this ranking and notify each applicant's parent/guardian. **Approval of the application and an offer of participation by the evaluation team is not a guarantee that the student will attend the Center for Early Autism Intervention at Mahanay Elementary School. Final consideration regarding whether the student will participate in the Center for Early Autism Intervention project ultimately belongs to the ARD Committee.**

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APPLICATION FOR THE
2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

RESPONSIBLE ADULT (SELECT ONE): Parent/Guardian 1 Parent Guardian 2

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1

Parent/Guardian Full Name

Relationship to Child

Primary Phone

Secondary Phone

Work Phone

Email

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2

Parent/Guardian Full Name

Relationship to Child

Primary Phone

Secondary Phone

Work Phone

Email

CHILD INFORMATION

*EACH APPLYING CHILD REQUIRES A SEPARATE APPLICATION

Child's First Name Child's Last Name

Child's Home Address Apt. Number

City State ZIP County

Date of Birth Gender Male Female

Current School/Program

Is your child available to attend a full day program for next school year (2019-2020)? Yes No

***Checking 'yes' confirms that my child will be able to attend the Center for Early Autism Intervention from 7:55 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. If the student misses more than 5 hours per week, the student's application may be revoked.**



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FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

I agree and acknowledge that: (1) Alief ISD has offered and afforded my student a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) and its implementing regulations as set forth in the student’s current IEP at the time of this application; (2) the Center for Early Autism Intervention is considered a program of choice, and enrollment is voluntary and made with the express understanding and agreement that the program may or may not incorporate all elements of a previously designed IEP; (3) as a program of choice, withdrawal from the Center for Early Autism Intervention in favor of a program offered on the student’s home campus or a prior district educational placement may therefore be initiated by the parent/guardian at any time; and (4) the student’s placement at the Center for Early Autism Intervention is in no manner an admission of a violation of the Alief ISD’s obligation to provide FAPE.

Parent/guardian initials

CONSENT TO ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTING

I agree and acknowledge that students participating in the Center for Early Autism Intervention will be intermittently assessed using a variety of tools (eg, VBMAPP, Rethink Autism, functional analysis), and the results of these assessments will be reported to the Texas Education Agency (TEA). My initials below indicate my consent to the administration of these assessments and the reporting of the results to TEA.

Parent/guardian initials

CONSENT TO STUDY PARTICIPATION (OPTIONAL)

I agree and acknowledge that the Center for Early Autism Intervention may engage in additional studies and that personal information is never disclosed in these studies. Consenting or withholding consent to these optional studies does not affect the chances of receiving an offer to participate in the Center for Early Autism Intervention program at Mahanay Elementary School. By initialing below, I consent to use of my child’s records for data collection and analysis by the Center for Early Autism Intervention.

Parent/guardian initials

By submitting this application and signing below, I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sign Here

Date

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