



## **BIRDVILLE REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF ORAL PRESCHOOL APPLICATION**

### **General Overview**

BISD Regional Program for the Deaf is accepting **oral** preschool applications for Non-Resident students. Applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and require approval by the principal and RDSPD supervisor. Criterion for approval includes eligibility based on federal and state guidelines for Auditory Impairment as well as for RDSPD services.

BISD will accept applications for preschool for W.A. Porter Elementary where the RDSPD is located based on campus capacity. The number of openings for students in the **oral** hearing impaired preschool is limited. Enrollment applications will be processed on a first-come basis. Preference is given to students that are already in attendance at the requested campus (W.A.Porter). All other students will continue to be accepted pending eligibility and available space. There **will not** be a tuition fee for out-of-district students for the current school year; however, this waiver will be reviewed in successive years.

Completed applications will be accepted from April 1 – June 30 each year. The applications will then be reviewed by campus principal and RDSPD supervisor to determine final disposition. Most applications will be processed no later than August 1. However, the approval date may be extended depending on space availability. Parents will be notified of the status of the application. **Once the application has been approved by the campus principal and RDSPD supervisor, the parent should make a copy of the approval and call RDSPD supervisor to make arrangements for registration and ARD meeting.**

First year approval: Every student who is approved their first year at **W.A.Porter** in the Oral Preschool Hearing Impaired program option process will be placed on probation. At the end of the first year, the principal at that campus may deny the second year based on the application and special education criteria.

Second year approval: Once a student is accepted the second year at Porter, they may remain at that campus. **EXCEPTION:** Listed below. A student will not automatically move from elementary to middle school or middle school to high school. They must meet all special education criteria at the entry point of the campus.

**EXCEPTION: Any student may be denied annually based on behavior, excessive tardies, late pick-up or attendance.**

**All students who are outside the RDSPD shared services boundaries must reapply and qualify annually.** If an application is **denied based on campus/program capacity**, the RDSPD will assist the parent with communication between the home district and the family.

### **Transportation**

- Any student who requests and accepts a transfer to the RDSPD oral preschool program at W.A.Porter Elementary **must be able to provide his or her own transportation to and from school.**

**The Process**

- The superintendent or designee will declare W.A.Porter open or closed for oral RDSPD student enrollment based on campus capacity, special circumstances, and/or other administrative considerations prior to each school year by December 31.
- The process of selection is on a first-come, first-served basis for students who meet the criteria. Preference will be given to students who are already in attendance at the RSDPD Porter campus.
- **First year students, from outside BIRD are required to attach to this application, copies of the Full Individual Evaluation from the home district as well as required auditory impairment eligibilities.** The campus principal and RDSPD supervisor may request to meet with the parents and student prior to enrollment approval.
- Factors that will be considered in approving Preschool RDSPD applications include, but are not limited to: building capacity, current program or campus enrollment, growth projections, preschool enrollments, teacher allocations, and professional staff allocations.

<b>Timelines for Applications</b>	<b>June 1-June 30, August 1 – September 15</b>
<p>*NON-RESIDENTS  <b>Campus Response</b>  <i>As quickly as possible</i></p>	
<p>Based on student criteria, seat limitations and enrollment numbers</p>	

**Potential Reasons for Approval/Denial (Original Application)**

**Approval**

- Space/program availability
- Student meets all required criteria
- Change of residence during the school year

**Denial**

- Non eligibility based on state and federal guidelines for auditory impairment or Regional Day School
- Falsification of information

**Special Notes**

- **All students who are outside the campus attendance boundaries must reapply and qualify annually.**
- Application is by student and not family. This is required because the student is applying for a specific empty seat in a specific grade at a specific campus.
- The campus principal may revoke enrollment at the end of the school year based on the student’s poor attendance, excessive tardies, or inappropriate student behavior or other items listed on BIRD Web page. The principal must review the students IEP prior to implementing this process for a student receiving special education services.

**Additional Information**

Additional Information can be found by contacting the RDSPD supervisor through email: [marysue.blackwell@birdvilleschools.net](mailto:marysue.blackwell@birdvilleschools.net) or

**Questions or comments**

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