

Cozad Community Schools

Home of the Haymakers

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Stakeholders,

Thank you for your continual support of our students and school community. Your partnership and trust play an important role in helping us provide meaningful learning experiences for our youngest learners.

We would also like to extend the utmost appreciation to Mrs. Jacque Yocum for her many years of dedicated service to the preschool program and the children and families she serves. Her commitment and care have made a lasting impact, and we wish her all the best in retirement.

As we look ahead to 2026-2027 and beyond, this is an appropriate time to make **thoughtful adjustments to the preschool program** while maintaining the high-quality early childhood education for students. After thorough discussion with our preschool teachers, and a reduction in state aid, our preschool program will make some format adjustments next year. First, the preschool program will transition to two classrooms; secondly, a rate increase for tuition of \$300 per month will occur; and thirdly, the preschool will be in session Mondays through Thursdays as comparable preschool programs in our region also follow a four-day weekly schedule.

With this new structure, our program capacity will be 36 students. To support planning and placement, we encourage families to complete registration as soon as possible. The enrollment deadline is April 2, 2026. Enrollment will be prioritized in the following order:

- Four year-old students with IEPs who reside within the district
- Per Rule 11 of NDE, three year-old students with IEPs who reside within the district, and determined by the IEP team
- Four year-old students who reside within the district
- Five year-old students who turn six on or after May 1 who reside within the district

We remain committed to providing a nurturing, engaging preschool experience that supports each child's growth and readiness for kindergarten. Thank you for your partnership as we work toward the implementation of these program adjustments.

Please contact Dr. Endorf at (308) 784-2745 or Mr. Dowdy at (308) 784-3462 to provide questions, criticisms, or comments related to this plan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dan Endorf
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