# **SCHOOLS THAT INSPIRE**

# YES PREP AIRLINE ELEMENTARY



#### WHAT WE LOVE?

**YES Prep Airline Elementary** integrates social-emotional development with college-preparatory academics to establish a robust pre-K program, fostering resilient family partnerships and student progression from preschool to college.

#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

YES Prep Airline Elementary serves pre-K3 to 3rd grade students, expanding one grade per year. Pre-K students exhibit significant progress, with many already proficient in math and literacy. Over **90%** excel in phonological awareness and letter naming. By mid-year, pre-K students averaged **86%** on the Three Cheers assessment, which measures kindergarten readiness.

#### **INSIGHTS INTO INSPIRATION**

## **Attracting and Developing Talent**

Principal Cynovia Hall fosters a community of educators committed to continuous learning to support the challenging yet engaging college-preparatory pre-kindergarten program. The school employs real-time coaching, strategic recruitment ("I tell prospective TAs to observe for a day, because we work hard here!"), and data-driven decision-making to achieve this. These systems establish order for both adult and student expectations, enabling dynamic adjustments to meet student needs.

For example, implementing structured routines like lunchtime activities and establishing a specialized classroom for special education students in January, informed by evolving insights into student requirements.









#### **Play: Learning to Love Learning**

During our visit, children were participating in physical education to prepare for a basketball game against the kindergarten class and families. On the wall, photos from a recent book parade showcased the entire school. These diverse images of celebration highlighted a **school-wide culture of "work hard, play hard."** In a pre-Kindergarten classroom, as the teacher announced it was time for small-group literacy practice, we overheard a 4-year-old scholar exclaim, "Yes! Letters!"





#### **Strong Academic Foundations**

At YES Prep Airline Elementary, the belief that "college starts at pre-K" is evident as photos of 4-year-olds in graduation attire greet visitors at the entrance. This inclusive message emphasizes achievable goals for all children, describing behaviors that lead to college readiness. A clear connection between pre-K students and their future academic journey infuses the school community with purpose and energy.







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Our mission is to be a leading example in pre-K to 5 education, offering rigorous instruction, equipping students for college success, and fostering a collaborative staff culture dedicated to transforming students' lives.

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