

Classes

The classrooms are operated for students in the Hutchinson USD 308 school district. Students attend Monday through Friday with full day sessions: 8:15-2:30. Daily attendance is a necessity! Children who regularly attend Pre-K programs show greater success in Kindergarten and future years.

Parent Involvement

Parents are encouraged to be involved in the 4-year-old early childhood education program. Your involvement can include completion of all necessary forms and participation in family involvement nights and events.

Classroom Volunteers

A great deal of our success will be due to the volunteer help we are able to recruit. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas and we can use whatever time and talents you may have! To volunteer, call Communities That Care at (620) 615-4018



The State Pre-Kindergarten 4-Year-Old Program

The state Pre-Kindergarten 4-year-old program is funded by the State of Kansas, serves 4-year-old students (born on or before August 31st) who may be at risk for academic and developmental progress.

Participants in the program must be identified using multiple criteria such as:

- (1) Poverty;
- (2) Single parent families;
- (3) DCF (SRS) referral;
- (4) Teen parents;
- (5) Either parent lacking a high school diploma or GED;
- (6) Child qualifies for migrant status;
- (7) Limited English proficiency; or
- (8) Developmentally or academically delayed based on assessments,

The goal is to ensure that every child, regardless of home background, home language, or learning style, maintains enthusiasm for learning while experiencing success in developing skills for later learning.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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HUTCHINSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 4-YEAR-OLD EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Early Years Are Learning Years
Make Them Count!*

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Purpose and Philosophy

This program is designed to provide a creative and rewarding learning environment that is developmentally appropriate. Each child will develop literacy skills at their own pace. Children will learn to interact with others and assert themselves in socially acceptable ways. Through integrated educational activities, children will develop an understanding of themselves, others and the world around them. In childhood, learning is integrated and continuous. It is impossible to meaningfully separate one development area or one content area from another.

Children will:

- Build with Blocks
- Explore animals, plants, water
- Observe changes in the environment
- Measure sand, water or ingredients for cooking
- Dramatize stories, events and feelings
- Observe cultural diversity
- Sing/listen to music from various cultures
- Experience pre-reading skills
- Draw, paint and work with clay or other art media



Program Goals

The State Pre-Kindergarten 4-year-old program curriculum goals are to encourage the child to be actively involved in the learning process, to experience a variety of developmentally appropriate activities and materials and to pursue their own interests in the context of life in the community and the world.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Cognitive Development

- Recognize/sort/name basic shapes and colors
- Identify upper and lower case letters
- Recite simple songs and rhymes
- Compare objects by size
- Recognize and print own name
- Count Orally to 10
- Match/recognize/name numerals zero to 10

Language Development

- Tell and/or dramatize a story or event
- Look at and enjoy listening to books
- Ask/answer questions
- Carry on conversations with friends/family
- Speak clearly most of the time

Personal/Social Development

- Participate in group activities
- Have opportunities for expression and appreciation of art and music
- Recognize and accept differences in people
- Interact appropriately with peers and adults
- Demonstrate self-confidence and self-control
- Listen and follow oral directions

Motor Development

- Demonstrate a growing ability to button, snap, zip
- Put puzzles together
- Manipulate small objects with both hands
- Develop muscle control by experiment with Play Dough, shaving cream, finger paint
- Use crayons, pencils, paint brushes and scissors appropriately
- Run, jump, hop, gallop and balance

Program Mission Statement

The mission of the State Pre-Kindergarten 4-Year-Old Program is to provide a quality learning environment which recognizes individuality, promotes exploration, encourages feelings of self-worth, and develops self-discipline and respect for others. Each child is unique and is treated with dignity and respect.