What is Head Start?

Head Start is a federal and state funded comprehensive preschool program for low-income children ages three through five. It provides children with a developmentally appropriate preschool experience. The program ensures that young children get health checkups and treatment, oral health screenings, and that they are fed a nutritious hot meal every day. Head Start is unique in its comprehensive approach to the needs of children and families, which adheres to federally designated standards.

Who is Eligible for Head Start?

Preschool children, including those with disabilities, are eligible for enrollment. Head Start accepts applications year-round and fills vacancies from its waiting list. While children from low-income families have enrollment priority, children from higher income families may be enrolled as well.

What Services are Offered to Head Start Children & Families?

Centers
Our preschool program operates in area schools 3 or 4 days a week depending on location.

Transportation
School bus transportation may be available.

Education
Individualized learning experiences that promote school readiness and nurture every child’s social, emotional, intellectual, and physical growth.

Support for Children with Disabilities
Early identification and intervention to support children with disabilities and their inclusion in all program experiences.

Family Engagement
Specialized family partnerships, goal setting, referrals, parenting education and ongoing support. Opportunities to volunteer, to learn and practice new skills, and to socialize.

Nutrition
Healthy meals that meet USDA standards and nutrition education for children and parents.

Parent Decision-Making
Opportunities for parents to participate in Policy Council to learn parent advocacy and make decisions that drive our program.

Curriculum
Our classrooms use Creative Curriculum, a research-based and research-proven solution for effective teaching strategies in early childhood. Using exploration and discovery children learn to develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical thinking skills.

Health
Promotion of medical and dental examinations, immunizations, comprehensive health screenings, and necessary follow-up services for each child. Promotion of mental health and wellness.

Contact us to set up an application interview today!!
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What are the Benefits of being in Head Start?

- Prepares children for Kindergarten
- Serves children of all ability levels, including children with disabilities
- Comprehensive health & development services for children of all needs and abilities
- Reinforces and builds on each families’ unique strengths
- Assists parents in meeting their goals
- Supports parents in being their child’s first and most important teacher and caregiver
- Encourages children’s cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development
- Mental health services for children and families.
- Family Support services

What Areas do we Serve?

Our preschool classrooms are open September through May in the following schools:

**KITTSON COUNTY**
Tri-County School in Karlstad

**LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY**
LOW School in Baudette

**MARSHALL COUNTY**
MCC School in Viking
Grygla School

**ROSEAU COUNTY**
Badger School
GMR School in Greenbush
Roseau School
Warroad School

How do I apply?

Applications are taken year round. Contact us to set up a time to meet with you in person to fill out an application.

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