

PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS



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Prekindergarten is a unique program aimed at providing preschool aged children with a variety of experiences that will promote their overall development. These experiences are planned to enhance social and emotional development, communication and language skills, fine and gross motor skills, intellectual, and self-help skills.

Our goal at Prekindergarten is to create a welcoming environment that encourages children to create, explore, discover, and experience wonder in the world around them.

The Prekindergarten program gives children the opportunity to start Kindergarten with the social, emotional and cognitive skills to succeed. Efforts to create better beginnings will ensure our vision of Learning without Limits and Achievement for All!



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PREKINDERGARTEN INFORMATION



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- Our staff includes a certified teacher with a specialization in Early Childhood Education and qualified teacher associate. We work in partnership with Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) programs to support children and families in meeting their goals. The PreK teacher may facilitate referrals and family connections for therapy services including Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology, Early Childhood Counselling, and Autism Services through the Children's Therapy Program, SHA.
- Students attend Monday to Thursday for approximately 3 hours per day.
- Family engagement is an important component of PreK. Home visits are done 2-3 times per year, and families are invited to share their knowledge and skills, as well as learn about child development, during Family Events which occur approximately twice per month.

Prekindergarten is funded by the Ministry of Education.
There are no fees to parents.



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“Children and their families are selected for the program to ensure the most vulnerable children are served”

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The Prekindergarten program is for 3 & 4 year old children who live in the school attendance area. Eligibility is based on criteria such as:

- Financial need
- Child is living in foster care
- Child displays language or communication delays
- Child has social, emotional or behavioral issues
- Recent major change or trauma in the family
- Single parent
- Teen Parent
- Parent did not complete Grade 12
- Referral by or involvement with Support Services
- Family health care challenges
- Child has little opportunity to interact with same age peers
- Immigrant / refugee family
- English is not the only language spoken at home
- Lack of family support system
- Other family vulnerabilities

Children who attend a government child care center are not eligible for PreK.

Submission of an Application Form does not ensure entrance into the Prekindergarten Program.



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PREKINDERGARTEN IS:

- Developmentally appropriate educational programming
 - Focused on the whole child with balanced opportunities for children to develop physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually
 - active, experiential learning through play
 - child-centered, self-directed activities with choice
- Meaningful family involvement
- Integrated community agency services and educational supports
- Community partnerships and shared ownership
- Culturally affirming for all



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PREKINDERGARTEN LOCATIONS



Prekindergarten is located in the following GSSD schools.

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For more information, to make a referral or complete an application call:

Canora PreK	Canora	(306) 563-6511
Columbia PreK	Yorkton	(306) 786-5510
Davison PreK	Melville	(306) 728-3955
Dr. Brass PreK	Yorkton	(306) 786-5520
Norquay PreK	Norquay	(306) 594-2286
Langenburg PreK	Langenburg	(306) 743-2631
PPEP Program	Esterhazy	(306) 745-2893
Victoria PreK	Kamsack	(306) 542-2546

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