



Muscatine Preschool Alliance

Everything You Need to Know About
Enrolling Your Child in Preschool

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESCHOOL

Ninety percent of a child's brain develops in the first five years of life. By attending a high-quality preschool program, your child is preparing for kindergarten and beyond. Children learn important social skills, such as taking turns, being respectful, and problem solving. They also learn important pre-reading and pre-math skills, such as vocabulary development, an awareness of sounds and letters, patterns, and shapes.

The following sites also offer full day learning and care options, but are not part of the SWVPP:

Learning Tree Preschool

152 Colorado Street (563-264-2088)

Live, Laugh, Love Childcare Center

1112 Fillmore Street (563-260-1912)

Stepping Stones Learning Center

2205 2nd Avenue (563-264-1871)

For more information about your child's early learning experiences or preschool programming, contact the Early Childhood Department at (563)263-7223.

WHAT PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Franklin Elementary School

210 Taylor Street
(563) 263-5040

4-Year-Old:

All day Mon-Fri

Grant Elementary School

705 Barry Avenue
(563) 263-7005

4-Year-Old:

All Day Tues-Fri

3-Year-Old:

AM or PM Mon/Wed/Fri

Jefferson Elementary School

1000 Mulberry Avenue
(563) 263-8800

4-Year-Old:

All Day Mon-Fri

Madison Elementary School

1820 1st Ave
(563)263-6062

4-year-old:

All Day Mon-Fri

COMMUNITY-PARTNER PROGRAMS

A Child's Place Preschool

701 E 6th Street
(563) 264-1214

4-Year-Old:

AM or PM Tues-Fri

3-Year-Old/Multi-Age:

AM or PM Tues/Thur or AM Wed/Fri

Guardian Angel Preschool

2407 Cedar Street
(563) 263-3264

4-Year-Old:

AM or PM Tues-Fri

All Day Tues-Fri (partial-tuition charge)

3-Year-Old:

AM or PM Tues/Thur or Wed/Fri

Happy Time Preschool

1112 Fillmore Street
(563) 264-3930

4-Year-Old:

AM or PM Tues-Fri

3-Year-Old:

AM or PM 2 or 3 day/week options

Head Start Preschool

148 Colorado Street
(563) 264-2026

3-Year, 4-Year, and Early HeadStart:

All Day Mon-Fri

Wonder Years Preschool

3300 N. Hwy 38
(563) 264-0784

4-Year-Old:

AM Mon/Wed/Fri

PM Tues-Fri

3-Year-Old:

AM Tues/Thur

WHAT IS THE MUSCATINE PRESCHOOL ALLIANCE (MPA)?

- A partnership between district and community preschools.
- **Tuition-free classes for 4-year-olds.** (Your child must be 4 by September 15).
- Funding is provided through the Iowa Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP). Some programs may have a one-time registration fee.
- Each 4-year-old program offers a quality education that:
 - » is accredited through the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards (IQPPS) or the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).
 - » uses a research-based curriculum that aligns with the Iowa Early Learning Standards.
 - » has a state-certified early childhood teacher.
- 3-year-old programming is available at most sites.
 - » 3-year-old programming is not currently state-funded so a monthly tuition may be charged; however, scholarship opportunities are readily available through Early Childhood Iowa. Please ask about these opportunities when registering your child.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL?

- You can register your child any time after the first of the year (January) for the following school year.
- Register early to ensure a spot for your child - programs fill up quickly!
- For district programs, please contact the Early Childhood office at 563-263-7223.
- For community-partner preschools, please contact the preschool directly (please see "Preschool Programs").

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS NEEDED TO ENROLL MY CHILD IN PRESCHOOL?

- You must supply the following documents prior to the first day of school:
 - » Updated physical (filled out by medical personnel)
 - » Updated immunization record
 - » Birth certificate or other documentation that shows child's age and date of birth
 - » Enrollment form: Each program will have their own enrollment forms to complete



WHAT IF I NEED TRANSPORTATION FOR MY CHILD?

- Limited bussing is available for 4-year-old students.
- You may request bussing if you do not have adequate transportation for your child. Transportation is based on space and need and is not guaranteed.
- To request transportation for your preschool child, please contact the early childhood office at 563-263-7223.

