



PREKINDERGARTEN Programs

**BETTER BEGINNINGS,
BETTER FUTURES**



PreKindergarten is found in the following schools in GSSD. For more information, or to make a referral or application call:

Canora PreK	Canora	(306) 563-5945
Columbia PreK	Yorkton	(306) 786-5510
Davison PreK	Melville	(306) 728-3955
Dr Brass PreK	Yorkton	(306) 786-5520
Hoffman PreK	Langenburg	(306) 743-2675
PPEP Program	Esterhazy	(306) 745-6618
Victoria PreK	Kamsack	(306) 542-2546

Prekindergarten is a unique program aimed at providing pre-school 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, 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 necessary to succeed. Efforts spent enabling better beginnings will ensure better futures and success throughout school.



Prekindergarten Information

- ❖ Our staff includes a certified teacher with a specialization in Early Childhood Education and a qualified teacher associate. Other services provided in partnership with Sunrise Health District include a Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Educational Psychologist.
- ❖ Students attend Monday to Thursday.
- ❖ Families are invited to attend approximately 1-2 Family Events per month. Activities include parent education sessions, tours, visitors, special events, etc.
- ❖ Home visits are done 2 – 3 times per year.
- ❖ Prekindergarten is funded by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. There are no fees to parents.

The Prekindergarten Policy document states “The Objective of Student Selection is to ensure that children with the greatest needs are served.”

The Prekindergarten program is for 3 & 4 year old children who live in the school attendance area. Children should be toilet-trained and able to function independent of parents for some period of time. Eligibility is based on certain criteria:

- financial need
- single parent
- parent is attending school
- foster child
- no family support
- child displays developmental delays
- child has social , emotional or behavioral issues
- recent major change or trauma in the family
- child has speech and/or communication problems
- child has little opportunity to interact with same age peers
- family is involved with workers from other Support Services
- English is not the first language
- teen parent
- family vulnerabilities
- parent is unemployed
- parent did not complete Gr 12

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

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 health, social services and educational supports
- ❖ Community partnerships and shared ownership
- ❖ Culturally affirming for all

