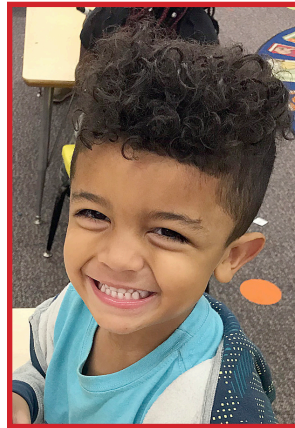


# *Preschool Enrollment Information 2023-2024*



**KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION**

*Creating a Better World Through Education*

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# WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!!



Thank you for choosing a Kokomo Schools preschool program. We have made a strong commitment to provide a solid social and academic foundation for our youngest learners. Please contact Kim Cravens (455-8000) at the Administrative Service Center, if you have questions. We hope this year is exciting for your child and begins a wonderful experience in the Kokomo School Corporation.

***Dr. Michael Sargent***  
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# Are You Ready For Preschool?

Your child will soon begin one of the most important adventures in his or her young life as their preschool experience becomes a reality. Preschool is the first significant step in the education of your child as this school year will set the stage for future learning ... the launching pad for a rewarding school experience in the years that lie ahead.

To ensure a positive beginning for your child, our preschool teachers have prepared this booklet. Their suggestions should prove of value to you, and your child, as you prepare together for entrance to preschool.



Kokomo Schools stands ready to be of assistance to you and your child. Remember two fundamental facts:

1. Each child is individually different in terms of his/her physical, mental, social, and emotional abilities. By working together, we can ensure that each child is recognized as a unique individual in an increasingly complex world.
2. As educators, we know that parents and families are the child's first teachers. The "school" is a unique organization designed to contribute to your child's education. Together, home and school can reach our mutual goal: the full realization of the potential of each child.

## Child Find Information

***If you, a family member or a neighbor, know of a child, ages 3 through 21, who needs Special Education services, please contact:***

**Dr. Teni Helmberger (765) 455-8000, [thelmberger@kokomo.k12.in.us](mailto:thelmberger@kokomo.k12.in.us)**



# Entrance Requirements



## ***Kokomo School Corporation requirements for preschool are:***

1. A student must be 3 years old on, or before, August 1st, 2023 to participate in the traditional half-day, or Head Start, preschool programs.
2. Children must be 4 years old by August 1st to be eligible for the full-day Community Preschool programs.
3. A **birth certificate** is required for entrance into the preschool programs.
4. An immunization shot record is required for entrance into the preschool programs.
  - A. Proof of complete immunization – this **must** be documented on a doctor or health department form. All dates of vaccinations, including month, day, and year, must be on the form.
  - B. Immunization records must be received within 20 school days of enrollment.
    1. A current written immunization record on file with the school, **OR**
    2. Provide a statement from a physician that the required immunizations have been delayed by extreme circumstances and that a time schedule for immunization has been established, **OR**
    3. A written statement of health, religious, or other objections has been delivered to the school nurse.
5. A student must be fully toilet-trained to attend a Kokomo Schools Community Preschool.

# Minimum Immunization Requirements

**3 to 5 years old ...** 3 Hep B (Hepatitis B)  
4 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis)  
3 Polio (Inactivated Polio)  
1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)  
1 Varicella

**Kindergarten .....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            2 Hep A (Hepatitis A)  
4 Polio  
2 MMR

**Grades 1 to 5.....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP  
4 Polio  
2 MMR

**Grades 6 to 11.....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            1 Tdap (Tetanus & Pertussis)  
4 Polio            1 MCV4 (Meningococcal conjugate)  
2 MMR

**Grade 12.....** 3 Hep B            2 Varicella  
5 DTaP            1 Tdap  
4 Polio            2 MCV4  
2 MMR

**Hep B:** The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.

**DTaP:** Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on, or after, child's 4th birthday.

**Polio:** Three doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the third dose was given on, or after, the 4th birthday; and at least 6 months after the previous dose with only one type of vaccine used (all OPV or all IPV).

For students in grades kindergarten through 4th grade the final dose must be administered on, or after, the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday; and be administered **at least 6 months** after the previous dose.

**Live Vaccines (MMR, Varicella & LAIV):** Live vaccines that are not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 28 days apart. The second dose should be repeated if the doses are separated by less than 28 days.

**Varicella:** Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 6th grade. Parental report of disease history is acceptable for grades 7-12.

**Tdap:** No minimum interval is prescribed from the last Td dose.

**MCV4:** Individuals who receive dose 1 on, or after, their 16th birthday only need 1 dose of MCV4.

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2014 CDC "Catch-up Immunization Schedule" to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2014 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>

# Kokomo Preschool Opportunities

## ***Head Start Preschool***

**Full-day preschool at Head Start is open to eligible 3- and 4-year-old students.** This federally-funded program is staffed by highly-qualified teachers and assistants. No charge exists for students who qualify for this full-service program, which includes transportation and school day meals. Contact Kelly Wright @ 765-454-7082 for further information.

## ***Kokomo Schools Community Preschools***

**NOTE: On My Way Pre-K Program** awards grants to eligible families in Howard County for children who turn 4 years old by August 1st, 2023. The state and local funding is made available to ensure that eligible families may have access to a high-quality prekindergarten program in order to be “Kindergarten Ready”. Contact Kim Cravens for further information @ (765) 455-8000, or Kim Gordon @ (765) 480-5135.

**Half-day preschool for 3- and 4-year-old students living in the attendance area of Kokomo School Corporation** is funded through a federal grant at no charge to parents. Half-day programs are available at \*Bon Air, Boulevard, Lafayette Park, Pettit Park, and \*Sycamore.

**Full-day preschool for 4-year-old students at Elwood Haynes and Lafayette Park** can be fully funded through On My Way Pre-K for eligible families living in Howard County, or through a parent co-pay for students living in the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area. The first half of the day is paid through a federal grant and the second half of the day is funded through tuition at a cost of \$3,350.00 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$335.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration.

**Full-day Outdoor Early Childhood program for 4-year-old students at Boulevard** has a conditional admittance assessment requirement for eligibility. Interested parents should complete a 2023-2024 Preschool CHOICE Application form by the school choice deadline of March 24th, 2023. The full-day outdoor early childhood (preschool) program at Boulevard may be funded through On My Way Pre-K for eligible families living in Howard County, or through a parent co-pay for students living in the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area. The first half of the day is paid through a federal grant and the second half of the day is funded through tuition at a cost of \$3,350.00 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$335.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration. Due to limited enrollment, parents should make a second preschool choice.

**\*Note:** Due to a limited number of spaces at Bon Air and Sycamore in the half-day program, priority will be given to 4-year-old students. Students who are 3 years old by August 1st, 2023 may be eligible if space permits. Parents of 3-year-old students should select a second choice.

## Choice Window & Enrollment Dates

Parents may complete a Preschool Parent Choice Application to indicate interest in up to two Kokomo School Corporation preschool programs. The Preschool Choice Application window is open from Friday, February 24th through Friday, March 24th, 2023. All Preschool Choice applications will be considered. Selection will be based on space availability for all preschool programs, including the Outdoor Learning preschool for 4 year olds ONLY at Boulevard Elementary. The Outdoor Learning preschool program also has entrance (screening) requirements. Parents must provide transportation for all preschool programs other than Head Start. No preschool services are available at Maple Crest STEM Elementary School or Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts.

Once notified of acceptance into a Kokomo Schools preschool program, parents will need to complete the registration process during Kokomo School Corporation's online enrollment, which opens Thursday, June 1st, 2023.

To secure your child's place in a Kokomo Schools preschool program, officials recommend that families complete the online enrollment process by Friday, June 30th, 2023. Families who need additional assistance may call your child's school, any time during the enrollment window. Families also may enroll in person at your child's school Tuesday, July 11, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Your child's fees/tuition should be paid on the day that you enroll with either a check, cash or credit card.

### ***Items required for enrollment:***

- 1. Birth Certificate**
- 2. Immunization Record**
- 3. Emergency Phone Numbers (Please provide 3 numbers)**

### ***Preschool Opportunities for Students Living Outside Kokomo School Corporation District***

**Half-day preschools for 3- and 4-year-old students living outside the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area** (depending on space availability) is funded through tuition at a rate of \$3,350.00 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$335.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration.

**Full-day preschool for 4-year-old students living outside the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area** (dependent on space availability) is fully-funded through On My Way Pre-K for eligible families living in Howard County or tuition at a rate of \$6,700.00 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$670.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration. **This includes the full-day Outdoor Early Childhood program at Boulevard Elementary for qualified students.**



# Kokomo School Corporation Preschool Overview

Kokomo School Corporation offers preschool programming to meet the needs of 3- and 4-year-old children with highly-qualified teachers who are certified in early childhood education. These programs are supported through federal and state funding. The federal funds (Title I) can be used for children living in the attendance area of Kokomo School Corporation and State funding (On My Way PreK) can be used by eligible families living in Howard County for the full day 4-year-old program. Children living outside of the attendance area can apply to attend the preschool programs when space is available through a yearly tuition fee (see page 8).

Children who attend the Kokomo School Corporation preschool program experience a world of Inquiry, Exploration, and Discovery. All preschool students are immersed in an environment that provides literacy, math, science, art, creative expression, music, and movement through academic learning and social interactions with a community of learners. The curriculum is based upon Indiana Early Learning Foundations and incorporates both High Scope's child-focused curriculum and a Reggio-Inspired philosophy.

Attendance is extremely important for students enrolled in the Kokomo Schools preschool program. Children learn the importance of the continuous learning that spirals from one day to the next. Half-day and full-day programs are available. Children who are enrolled must attend on a regular basis in order to maintain their participation in the program.

The district's school-based preschools are located at six sites:

- Bon Air Elementary
- Lafayette Park Elementary
- Boulevard Elementary
- Pettit Park Elementary
- Elwood Haynes Elementary
- Sycamore Elementary

No preschool services are available at Maple Crest STEM Elementary or at Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts.



# Kokomo School Corporation Preschool Programs

Kokomo School Corporation is able to offer preschool to 3- and 4-year-old children who are not eligible for Head Start. This program is supported through federal funding and On My Way Pre-K funds if eligible. The federal funds can be used for children living in the attendance area of Kokomo School Corporation. Children living outside the attendance area can attend the preschool program when space is available through a yearly tuition fee.

## Bon Air

(765) 454-7030  
2800 N. Apperson Way  
Kokomo, IN 46901

*Half-Day program*  
*Morning & afternoon sessions*  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

## Lafayette Park

(765) 454-7060  
919 N. Korby St.  
Kokomo, IN 46901

*Half-Day program*  
*Morning & afternoon sessions*  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
*Full-Day, Co-Pay program*  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
*Developmental Preschool*

## Boulevard

(765) 455-8070  
1901 West Boulevard  
Kokomo, IN 46902

*Half-Day program*  
*Morning & afternoon sessions*  
8:15 AM - 11:15 AM  
12:15 PM - 3:15 PM  
*Full-Day, Co-Pay*  
*Outdoor program*  
8:15 AM - 3:15 PM

## Pettit Park

(765) 454-7075  
901 W. Havens  
Kokomo, IN 46901

*Half-Day program*  
*Morning & afternoon sessions*  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

## Elwood Haynes

(765) 454-7050  
910 S. Cooper St  
Kokomo, IN 46901

*Full-Day, Co-Pay program*  
8:45 AM - 3:45 PM

## Sycamore

(765) 454-7090  
1600 E. Sycamore St.  
Kokomo, IN 46901

*Half-Day program*  
*Morning & afternoon sessions*  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

## HEAD START Full-Day Program At Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center

Head Start is a tuition-free, federally-funded, full-day preschool program for income eligible families that serves children 3- and 4-year-olds in Howard, Miami, and Tipton counties. Transportation is provided. The address is 900 S. Goyer Road.

Contact: Kelly Wright at (765) 454-7082

or by email at [kwright@kokomo.k12.in.us](mailto:kwright@kokomo.k12.in.us)



### Summer Checklist For Parents

- Do you have your child's immunization record for enrollment?
- Do you have your child's birth certificate ready for enrollment?
- Do you have three emergency phone numbers ready for enrollment?
- Have you checked the elementary school supply list?
- Have you labeled your child's coats, hats, gloves, and boots?
- Do you have a plan for your child for a Weather-related delay or early dismissal?
- If your child has special medical needs, have you planned to take his/her medications, or dietary restrictions, to the school nurse?

# Preschool Sites

2023-2024 Preschool  
CHOICE Application  
Online at  
[KokomoSchools.com](http://KokomoSchools.com)  
Open Until March 24th

