

Preschool Enrollment Information 2016-2017



KOKOMO SCHOOL CORPORATION

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WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL!!



Thank you for choosing Kokomo Schools preschool program. We have made a strong commitment to provide a solid social and academic foundation for our youngest learners. Please contact any building principal, or the Administrative Service Center, if you have any questions. We hope this year is exciting for your child and begins a wonderful experience in Kokomo Schools.

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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. This is the first significant step in the formal education of your youngster. The preschool 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. It contains suggestions that should prove of value to you and your child as you prepare together for entrance to preschool.

We stand ready to be of assistance to you and your child. It is important that together we recognize two fundamental facts:

1. Each child is individually different in terms of his 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 institution designed to contribute to that education. Together, home and school can reach its 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:

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Entrance Requirements



Kokomo School Corporation requirements for preschool are:

1. The student must be 3 years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2016 to participate in the traditional preschool program.
2. Children must be 4 by Aug. 1st to be eligible for the Outdoor Early Childhood program. Eligibility for this program will be subject to conditional admittance requirements to ensure that the outdoor program is an instructional match for each child accepted. High level of interest may result in a lottery.
3. An immunization shot record is required for entrance into the preschool program.
 - A. Proof of complete immunization – this must be documented on a doctor or health department form. All dates of vaccination 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. Providing 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.
4. The student must be fully toilet trained.

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 4th 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 a federally funded program that serves children of low income families and/or children with disabilities, at no charge to parents. The program includes transportation and school day meals.

Kokomo Schools Community Preschools

Half-day preschool for 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 Boulevard, Elwood Haynes, Lafayette Park, and Pettit Park.

Half-day preschool for students living outside the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area (dependent on space availability) is funded through tuition at a rate of \$2,520 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$252.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration.

Full day preschool at Elwood Haynes and Lafayette Park is funded 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 \$2,520 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$252.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration.

Full-day Outdoor Early Childhood program at Boulevard is grant funded. This first year is a pilot program year. There is a conditional admittance requirement for eligibility. All interested parents who have signed up will be invited to a parent information meeting in April. All children must be 4 by Aug. 1, 2016. High level of interest may result in a lottery for eligible students.

Full day preschool for students living outside the Kokomo School Corporation attendance area (dependent on space availability) is funded through tuition at a rate of \$5,040 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$504.00, payable on the first of each month with the first installment due at registration.

Before and after school care is available for students attending full day at *Lafayette Park*. The before and after care is funded through tuition at a cost of \$1,080.00 per year with 10 monthly installments of \$108.00 added to the student's monthly tuition.

Enrollment Dates

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 21, 2016

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please bring the following items to enrollment:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Emergency Phone Numbers (Please bring 3 numbers.)

Tuition Information

Your child's fees/tuition should be paid on the day that you enroll with either a check, cash or credit card. The preschool tuition is either a parent co-pay for a full day program or for students living out of the attendance area who wish to attend a full or half day program.



25 Engaging Activities You Can Do To Help Prepare Your Child For School

1. Play 20 questions (for example, one of you thinks of a person, animal, place or thing, and the other asks 20 “yes-no” questions to try and figure it out).
2. Before bed, talk about what each of you hopes to do the next day.
3. Go to a park and investigate nature.
4. Jump rope.
5. Teach your child the difference between fruits and vegetables.
6. Read together and visit your local library.
7. Introduce your child to the alphabet.
8. Set up a special “reading area” somewhere in your home.
9. Schedule a play date for your child with their friends.
10. Share nursery rhymes and songs with your child that you learned when you were young.
11. Visit a museum. Before you go, talk about what you hope to see.
12. Paint ... using a simple set of watercolors.
13. Ask your child to help you measure ingredients when you cook.
14. Show your child how to hold a pencil. Practice writing letters, such as the letters of his or her name.
15. Play “What’s the same?” Ask your child to leave the room for a few minutes while you rearrange some things. Then, have your child return and try to figure out what’s the same – and what’s different.
16. Count together.
17. Sort objects into groups of the same number.
18. Make up silly words that start with the same sound. Then, teach your child the letter (or letters) that make that sound.
19. Go on a walk and collect a few interesting objects. When you return, draw pictures of what you collected.
20. Attend a community event that focuses on children.
21. Find a book about starting school and read it together.
22. Make a visit to the school before Kindergarten starts.
23. About two weeks before school starts, establish a nighttime routine with a scheduled bedtime.
24. Practice your home address and phone number with your child.
25. Be excited about the big day!

Preschool Sites



Head Start



Boulevard

Pettit Park



Lafayette Park



Elwood Haynes

Summer Checklist For Parents

- Do you have your child's immunization record for enrollment day?
- Do you have your child's birth certificate ready for enrollment day?
- Do you have three emergency phone numbers ready to take to school for enrollment day?
- Have you checked the 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?



Kokomo School Corporation Preschool Program

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. 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.

Boulevard

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

Morning and afternoon sessions

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Full Day Outdoor Program
(4 year olds)
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Elwood Haynes

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

Morning and 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

Pettit Park

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

Morning and 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

Morning and 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

Head Start Full Day Program at Darrough Chapel Early Learning Center

Head Start is a tuition-free, federally-funded program for income eligible families that serves children 3 to 5 years old in Howard, Miami, and Tipton counties. Transportation is provided. The address is 900 S. Goyer Road.

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