

Charlotte Public Schools and Eaton Regional Education Services Agency offer families a *Great Start*

Free quality preschool slots are available in Eaton County for 4-year old children in Charlotte Public Schools.

With the increase in state investment in preschool, Eaton Great Start Readiness Preschool Program is able to serve additional children this year throughout the Eaton Regional Education Service Agency area. The number of slots has risen from 304 in 2013-14 to 478 for 2014-15. This year GSRP is able to provide allocated slots to area four year olds, or any family residing in the Eaton RESA service area. There are still spaces available at the following Charlotte Public School locations in Eaton County beginning February 4, 2015.

District	Program Schedule	Locations
Charlotte Public Schools	Full-day program	Galewood Site
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The Great Start Readiness Preschool Program is for low and middle-income families who might otherwise find it difficult to pay for a high quality preschool program. The income cutoff is roughly \$46,500 for a single parent with one child, or \$70,000 for a family of four. To qualify for GSRP, children must be born between Nov. 1, 2009, and Nov. 1, 2010.

In addition to the state picking up the cost, GSRP offers other benefits to families: All Eaton RESA GSRP classrooms use Creative Curriculum, a proven research based preschool curriculum; all classrooms emphasize kindergarten-readiness; there is a low ratio of children to adults; and classes are taught by certified teachers with an endorsement in early-childhood education.

To apply, complete the common application for Great Start and Head Start available on the Eaton Great Start website at eatongreatstart.org. For more information please call (517) 541-8752.

This is a tremendous opportunity for Charlotte families with young children. The free preschool provides the foundation for future school success and prepares the children for the routines they will experience once they start in our elementary buildings. I strongly encourage parents to contact Eaton RESA and make application to get enrolled into the program. Young children deserve a "*great start*" in school and this free program provides it. Take advantage of the offering and get your child enrolled to start in the program on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

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