

GSRP Preschool

High quality, FREE preschool for 4 year olds

What is GSRP?

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a preschool program for 4 year olds. It is funded by the State of Michigan and administered by local education service agencies. The program specifically serves children from middle income households.

GSRP offers:

- Low student to adult ratios (Max 8:1)
- Highly qualified & certified staff
- School-day programming
- Focus on learning through play
- Evidence based curriculum
- Licensed by the State of Michigan
- Classes meet Monday-Thursday (No Friday sessions)

Classrooms are located in:

Charlotte
Eaton Rapids
Grand Ledge
Maple Valley
Pottersville

Why should I consider a high-quality preschool?

Research shows that children who have a high-quality preschool experience show significant positive developmental differences. High quality GSRP programs prepare children for success in kindergarten and throughout life.



What curriculum is used?

Eaton RESA uses Creative Curriculum. It is a play-based curriculum that focuses on:

- Language Development
- Literacy
- Math
- Social-Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Science & Creative Art

Creative Curriculum is scientifically based. It uses:

- Authentic assessment to measure student progress.
- Opportunities for children to choose and learn with materials that are interesting and fun to them.
- Engaging, hands on, interactive and developmentally appropriate large groups and small group activities.
- Carefully chosen materials for play that will develop the skills children need.

Eligibility

- To qualify, children must be 4 years old by September 1.
- Income level is the primary factor in determining eligibility.
- Priority is given to families at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Families below 250% FPL are eligible to receive preschool services at no cost.
- Any child from a family above 250% FPL is required to pay a small cost to attend and must have at least two additional risk factors.
- Risk Factors Include:
 1. Diagnosed disability or developmental delay
 2. Severe or challenging behavior
 3. Primary home language other than English
 4. Parent/guardian who did not graduate from high school
 5. Abuse/neglect of child or parent
 6. Environmental risk such as parental loss due to death, divorce, incarceration, military service or absence

What parents have to say . . .

“The teachers are outstanding. They go above and beyond!”

“My child comes home excited every day to tell me all about the new things he has learned in school...[His teachers] are wonderful and have been so good to my son. I could not have been more grateful.”

“[His teachers] have completely blown me away! Their patience and love for the kids is so comforting to see. I wouldn't pick anyone else to care for my son!”

“We were very happy this year. Our daughter has grown so much over the past nine months and made so many friends.”

“We were very pleased with the program and the teachers. I would highly recommend it to anyone. [They] did a fantastic job with our daughter. She is ready for kindergarten!”



More Enrollment Information

Decisions for enrollment into GSRP are based on individual family experiences.

GSRP may be a good choice for your family if you are experiencing any of the following:

- Family income
- Concerns about your child's development
- Challenging behavior
- English as a second language
- Family or school difficulties
- Environmental risk (abuse, addiction, mental health)
- Single parent home due to divorce, deployment, incarceration, illness
- Change in guardianship



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