



Prekindergarten

More FAQs:

Who can apply?

Parents/guardians of preschoolers (three or four years of age) interested in providing additional developmental and educational opportunities for their children who are willing to become involved in the program. Also, community agencies seeking to refer preschool children and their parents may apply. Students are selected based on the availability of spots and meeting the needs of the most vulnerable children first.

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee who will inform parents of decisions made about entry to the program. Application forms can be picked up at the school or on the School Division website www.pvsd.ca. Applications should be completed by the end of May and returned to the school.

Prekindergarten is offered in the following schools:

Balcarres School
Phone: (306) 334-2520

Broadview School
Phone: (306) 696-2727

Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary School
Phone: (306) 332-5566

Grenfell Elementary School
Phone: (306) 697-2566

Indian Head Elementary School
Phone: (306) 695-3939

Kelliher School
Phone: (306) 675-2112

Lipton School
Phone: (306) 336-2200

Lumsden Elementary School
Phone: (306) 731-3338

Pilot Butte School
Phone: (306) 781-4488

Whitewood School
Phone: (306) 735-2550





Enrol in Prekindergarten!

Research shows high quality early learning programs, such as Prekindergarten, have both short and long-term benefits in children's lives, especially vulnerable children. Early experiences influence future development such as increased social skills, improved cognitive functioning, improved health and higher esteem. High quality early learning experiences for positive development will contribute to greater success in school.

The Prekindergarten programs are high quality, age-appropriate, play-based learning experiences for three and four year-olds in a school setting. Learning through play is a key component. Strategies such as daily routine, stories, music, problem solving and opportunities to make choices in a natural environment are important aspects of the program.

Prekindergarten is:

- a developmentally appropriate educational program, founded on early childhood research and practice;
- active, experiential learning through play;
- a comprehensive, integrated program within a prepared environment;
- child-centered, self-directed, and choice;
- focused on development of whole child- social-emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual;
- meaningful family engagement;
- an active parent/community council, community partnerships and shared ownership;
- integrated health, social services and educational supports;
- culturally responsive for all;
- mixed age groupings;
- intensive exposure of a minimum 12 hours per week;
- professional teaching staff with a focus in early childhood education.

Source: Better Beginnings, Better Futures – Effective Practices, Policy and Guidelines for Prekindergarten in Saskatchewan (2008)

FAQs:

When will the program operate?

Children accepted into Prekindergarten will begin the program within the first two weeks of the school calendar year. The program operates in the morning, in the afternoon, or in the case of Prekindergarten/ Kindergarten combination programs, full days on every second day. The Prekindergarten teacher will inform parents of the program times. Fridays are typically reserved for family engagement activities and special events.

What are the costs?

The Prekindergarten program is funded by Prairie Valley School Division and the Ministry of Education. The program is offered at no cost to parents in the local attendance areas. Parents will be reimbursed for travel costs associated with transporting children to and from Prekindergarten.

The focus is on the healthy development of the whole child.