Rising
STARS
Early Childhood Program



Deshler Public Schools
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Dear Prospective Preschool Parent:

Deshler Public Schools Rising STARS Early Childhood Program is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. You are receiving this information because you have been identified as having a 3 or 4 year old child in your household. **For a child to be eligible to attend, he or she must be at least three (3) years of age on or before July 31, 2025.** Total enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is limited to twenty-four (24) students.

Student enrollment is composed of students with verified Individual Education Plans (IEP), reduced and full pay students. Verified IEP students, and students currently enrolled have first priority. **The remaining slots will be filled starting with four (4) year old students followed by three (3) year old students.** Deshler Public Schools implements the following selection criteria:

1. Children who qualify for National School Lunch and Breakfast Program;
2. Children who have been verified with a disability;
3. Children currently enrolled in the 2024-2025 school year are eligible to attend the 2025-2026 year & meet the age requirements
4. Children not qualifying for one of the above (four (4) year old students followed by three (3) year old students)
5. Non-resident children (four (4) year old students followed by three (3) year old students).

A sliding scale will be used to determine tuition charged to families' whose children are attending Rising STARS Early Childhood Program. The sliding scale is based on National School Lunch and Breakfast Program guidelines. A family qualifying for free or reduced meals, tuition is eliminated or reduced. The Rising STARS Early Childhood Program will offer enrollment to children according to the following tuition guidelines (Sliding Fee Scale):

Program Tuition (per month September through May)

Special Education (IEP) -	No Cost
Free Meal Program Eligibility -	No Cost
Reduced Meal Program Eligibility -	$25.00/per month
Full Pay Meal Program Eligibility -	$50.00/per month

An application is enclosed for your convenience. This information is critical in determining student enrollment numbers for the preschool program. All parents of prospective students are asked to complete and return the application.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in getting the needed information to us. Enrollment decisions will be made mid-February. You will be notified as to your child's enrollment status. If you have additional questions, please contact Mrs. Dana Epley, Principal PK-12, at 402-365-7272 or Tammi Brenn, Early Childhood Program Teacher, at 402-365-4220. The application form can be found here: https://bit.ly/DPSPRESCHOOLAPPLICATION

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dana Epley, Principal PK-12
Deshler Public Schools

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