



ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN THE GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM (GSRP)

Is Your Child Ready for Preschool?

Our Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is designed for four-year-olds who are ready to take the next step in their early education. Children must be 4 years old by September 1st, 2022. For those with birthdays between September 2nd and December 1st, we may offer late entry based on eligibility.

How to Enroll Your Child

Filling out an application is the first step toward enrolling your child, but it does not guarantee placement. The application helps us understand your family's needs. Once submitted, you may need to provide additional documents for income verification and eligibility confirmation. A program director will reach out to discuss the next steps.

Does Early Application Improve My Chances?

We highly encourage early applications. Acceptance is based on family income, life experiences, and age. Rest assured, we'll guide you through the process and help you understand your options. Enrollment is for all 4 year old's, however student selection is based off need. At times there is a delay for those over-income; don't let that discourage you to submit your child's application.

How Are Children Chosen for GSRP?

As a state-funded program, GSRP follows prioritization guidelines. Factors, such as family income, life experiences, and a child's age determine enrollment priorities. Again, over income enrollment may be delayed to ensure State guidelines are followed.

What Counts as Income?

We consider all income sources for parents or guardians in your household, including wages, self-employment, government benefits, and other income sources like investments or gambling winnings. For a full list of qualifying income sources, contact us directly.

What Curriculum Will My Child Experience?

Discovery GSRP programs follow the Creative Curriculum, an evidence-based, research-driven approach approved by the Michigan Department of Education to ensure your child is set up for success. Discovery GSRP stays true to our nature-play-based approach while integrating musicians, food experiences (hands-on cooking), field trips, and traditions that have encompassed our programs for 24 years.

How Many Children Per Teacher?

To ensure personalized attention, GSRP follows Michigan's child care ratios, with one teacher for every ten children. No class exceeds 20 children, many times less, so your child will get the attention they deserve.

What If My Child Doesn't Qualify for Free Preschool?

If your child is not age eligible, be sure to check out our tuition based preschool options. We offer ½ day AM and full day options Monday-Thursday with wraparound care available Fridays and before/after school. We have tuition preschool at the Montague MACC, Discovery Whitehall, and Discovery NM/RP Area. This is a great opportunity to grow in the Discovery Way before heading into our Pre-K for ALL classrooms next year. Tuition preschool can be FREE if the child is eligible for DHHS Childcare Scholarship or at a reduced rate if the family participates in Tri-Share. (See links below for more info.)

TriShare, employer based benefit- <https://mitrishare.org>

DHHS Childcare Scholarship -<https://www.childcarenetwork.org/help-paying-for-child-care>

Schedule a Tour Today!

Interested in learning more about our preschool options? Contact Ashley at 231-893-0088 to schedule a tour or to ask any enrollment questions. We look forward to welcoming your child into our Discovery School family!

"THERE ARE TWO LASTING GIFTS WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN.

"ROOTS TO GROW & WINGS TO FLY"

~Hodding Carter



CHILDREN WHO START AHEAD,
STAY AHEAD.



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