

KES Kindergarten, Young 5's, Preschool Enrollment Night Newsletter

Kindergarten

Age eligibility: Open to children turning 5 on or before September 1st. Children turning 5 between September 1st & December 1st may be considered with a waiver.

Young 5's

Age eligibility: Open to children turning 5 on or before September 1st. Children turning 5 between September 1st & December 1st may be considered with a waiver.

GSRP

Age eligibility: Open to children turning 4 on or before September 1st. Children turning 4 between September 1st & December 1st are considered a "gap birthday" and may be considered if classroom space is available after all age and income eligible children are placed into a classroom.

Cardinal Center

Age eligibility Infant room: Infants 3 months to 30 months can be in this classroom.

Age eligibility for tuition preschool room: 30 months to 5 years can be in this classroom.

Great Start Readiness Program Information

What is GSRP? GSRP is a free state-funded preschool program for qualified children who turn 4 by September 1 of the current school year. Tuscola County GSRP classrooms use the HighScope Curriculum and are evaluated by a Tuscola ISD Early Childhood Specialist to ensure quality and proper implementation of the state-required regulations.

The program is free to eligible children. The program is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education, families of qualified children do not incur any costs. The program typically begins after Labor Day and runs Monday -Thursday. Once classes begin, we follow Kingston Elementary School calendar.

Below is a table with the 2024-25 preschool income eligibility guidelines. We encourage all families to apply regardless of income.

Ways to apply:

- In person during the KES Enrollment night April 11th, 2024 from 6 - 7 PM in the KES cafeteria.
- Online at <https://forms.gle/vDT34v6wxCjWfkrh8>
- Or pick up an application in the Kingston Elementary office

24-25 Preschool Income Eligibility Guidelines

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
2	\$61,320	\$5,110	\$1,180
3	\$77,460	\$6,455	\$1,490
4	\$93,600	\$7,800	\$1,800
5	\$109,740	\$9,145	\$2,111
6	\$125,880	\$10,490	\$2,421
7	\$142,020	\$11,835	\$2,732
8	\$158,160	\$13,180	\$3,042
For each additional family member, add:	\$16,140	\$1,345	\$310

*This is current as of March, 2024. Legislation may change, allowing for higher-incomes to be eligible, or all incomes depending on space and availability. We encourage families to apply regardless of income.

What to expect after applying to GSRP:

- Your intake form and documents will be reviewed by the Tuscola Early Childhood enrollment team.
- Age, income, and other eligibility factors will be considered to determine your child's eligibility

What do you need to know?

- Completion of the intake form and submission of required documentation to a specific program location does not guarantee your placement in that program, or any program, but does put your information on file for all Tuscola County GSRP and Head Start programs.

Important Timeline Information: Enrollment placement may be delayed due to factors outside of our control, including funding availability, changes in program eligibility requirements and more. However, official enrollment placement and communication may begin as early as May.

- May to mid-August begins placement of income-eligible children turning 4 on or before September 1st
- July to late August begins placement for over-income children turning 4 on or before September 1st
- September 1st begins placement for income-eligible children turning 4 after September 1st. Over-income children turning 4 after September 1st will be placed if there is availability.

Cardinal Center

The Cardinal Center Day Care is a licensed child care facility that operates Monday thru Friday from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm and is located in the Kingston Elementary building at 3644 Ross Street. We are a well-equipped, licensed facility run by a professional and caring staff.

General Information:

- Free breakfast and lunch available during school
- We accept DHS assistance
- Our program follows High Scope Curriculum

Both Cardinal Center Childcare and GSRP Programs have been recognized by the Michigan Great Start to Quality program with a Quality Level of 'Enhancing Quality Validated.' For more information regarding this rating and the rating system visit the Great Start to quality Website

<https://greatstarttoquality.org/>

Program Goals

- To provide safe, dependable, affordable quality care for school aged children.
- To expand the use of school facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- To provide a variety of activity options designed to enhance the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development of children.
- To recognize and encourage development of individual interests and talents.
- To provide a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere where children can feel welcome and secure.