



Early Childhood News

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Jackson County Free Preschool Programs are now Enrolling!

Your child may be eligible for free preschool! Jackson County programs are now enrolling for the fall. Attending a high-quality early childhood program prepares children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. In Jackson County you have two options when it comes to free preschool:

Head Start

- Free preschool program funded by the federal government
- Children of all abilities can participate in the program
- Programs for three and four year old children
- Teachers are certified in Early Childhood Education
- 2 Teachers for every 16 students
- Research based curriculum that includes health, safety, literacy and social development
- Offers a mix of full and part day programs
- Child care to extend the day is available at some locations
- Limited transportation is available
- Meals and snacks provided in all programs
- Parent involvement is encouraged and supported through classroom volunteering, parent meetings and activities



Great Start School Readiness Program

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- Transportation is available for some programs
- Meals and snacks provided depending on the length of the program
- Parent involvement is encouraged and supported through classroom volunteering, parent meetings and activities



To see if your child is eligible for free preschool call any of the programs listed below:

ABC Academy		Jackson Public Schools	841-2147
Jackson Community College	768-9323	Hunt, McCullough,	
Lansing Avenue	784-9161	Northeast, Sharp Park	
Laurence Avenue	783-3040		
Columbia School District		Michigan Center School District	764-3380
Brooklyn	592-6632	Napoleon Community Schools	
Miller	592-2157	Ackerson Lake Preschool	764-0761
Community Action Agency		Northwest Community Schools	569-2247
Head Start & GSRP	788-6010	Springport Public Schools	857-3465
Ashton Ridge, Brooklyn,		Starlight Academy	782-4660
Concord (FRIENDS), East Jackson		Vandercook Lake Public Schools	782-0342
Frost, Hunt, Lincoln, McHugh,		Western School District	841-8770
Salvation Army, Springport			
St. Johns, Tarrant			
Jackson Child Care Center	788-9212		

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