



Woodhaven-Brownstown School District



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Kindergarten

Woodhaven-Brownstown School District offers a full day kindergarten program designed to provide a variety of learning experiences which will develop students' foundational skills necessary for success in school. Learning takes place in a developmentally appropriate environment where our teachers guide and challenge each child to grow intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. Students learn a variety of subjects at the kindergarten level using hands-on and minds-on learning, as they study topics in language arts, math, social studies and science. The curriculum is based on the characteristics and traits typical of the age and stage of the children being taught. Numerous findings from studies focused on early childhood development have taught us that young children learn most easily from concrete experiences and the use of three-dimensional manipulative materials. (Some call this "play".) Productive learning is interesting, relevant, satisfying, challenging, and fun!

Young Fives "A Gift of Time"

The Young Fives Program is a kindergarten program for younger children whose parents feel that they are not yet ready for a traditional kindergarten experience and need the gift of time to grow and develop. The program is child-centered and provides additional time for emotional, social, intellectual, and physical growth through activities that foster development in these areas:

- Social Development: interacting with others, helping, sharing, taking turns, playing cooperatively, culture and citizenship.
- Intellectual Development: thinking, planning, problem solving, comparing, reasoning, drawing conclusions, numbers, symbols, and science.
- Physical Development: small and large muscle development, nutrition, and safety.
- Creative Expression: art, music, literature, and the natural world.

The curriculum and learning environment support the developmental needs of each student, and prepares each child for success in kindergarten the following school year.

Students with birthdays between August 1 and November 1 (or December 1 with a signed waiver by June 1, 2013) are eligible for the program.

Early Childhood Preschool Program

Early Childhood Preschool Program (ECP) or Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) - is our District's own special education program for children ages 3-5 years who qualify for services under an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). A multidisciplinary education team evaluates and determines eligibility for the programs and services of our ECP program. Services include half day preschool sessions run by an early childhood

special education teacher, with the support of our speech pathologist, school social worker and a classroom para-professional. Main focus in this classroom include developing speech and language, social, emotional, cognitive, gross and fine motor skills, as well as self-regulation needed for school readiness. Children may transition into regular kindergarten or center based special education classrooms after attending the ECP program.

TOTE/Early On

Teach Our Tots Early is an early intervention special education home visiting program that services children with moderate to severe developmental delays. Eligibility is based on a multidisciplinary evaluation and services that fall under the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). TOTE services the 17 Downriver/Dearborn school districts including Woodhaven-Brownstown. A staff of 28 provides in-home visits as well as community based parent child groups on a weekly basis. TOTE staff is made up of early childhood special education teachers, speech pathologists, a school psychologist, physical therapist, occupational therapist, school social worker and a school nurse. These staff members work together with the family in order to teach the parent home interventions that can assist in improving their child's functioning. TOTE also provides transition services to school based programs based on the child's eligibility and needs for programming when the child approaches their third birthday.

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

The Great Start Readiness program is a free preschool program funded by the Michigan State Department of Education for four-year-olds who have identified risks for academic difficulties, and/or are from low-income families.

Our primary goal is to provide a high quality preschool experience that will prepare them socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically for school and for life. For information call 313-294-6278.

Champions Extended Learning Preschool®

Preschool and pre-K children learn at their own pace and *Champions®* helps kids build their unique talents and skills at the speed that's right for them. Our learning center includes language, math, dramatic play, gross motor, blocks, music, snack/cooking, science, technology, and art. Your child will grow in confidence as new skills emerge and friendships grow. Guided by qualified teachers, our environment balances nurturing care with academic, exploration, physical development and more. We blend in character-building activities to help children learn about helpfulness, respect and cooperation-skills that will serve them well in the school years ahead and in life. For more information call 734-379-7072.

