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## Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

Children, fun and learning, go hand in hand in GSRP. This **free preschool** is for 4 year old children in the Allegan, Fennville, Hopkins, Martin, Otsego, Plainwell and Wayland school districts. The program offers:

- Preparation of young learners for success in school.
- A variety of social and learning activities.
- Exciting informative parent and family activities.



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## What is the Great Start Readiness Program?

The Great Start Readiness Program is a high quality preschool program. The program is for children in the following districts:

- Allegan
- Fennville
- Hopkins
- Martin
- Otsego
- Plainwell
- Wayland



- GSRP children learn from a wide variety of learning experiences so that they are ready for success when they begin kindergarten.
- GSRP provides children with opportunities to enhance their social skills through play and learning activities with children their own age.
- GSRP places an emphasis on literacy with appropriate pre-reading curriculum.
- GSRP children experiment with numbers and beginning math concepts.
- GSRP children develop both small and large muscle skills through daily physical activities.
- GSRP offers community field trips to enhance the children's awareness of the world around them.

## What Are The Class Sizes And Teacher Qualifications?

- GSRP classes will have no more than 18 students with a teacher and an associate teacher.
- Every GSRP teacher possesses a Teaching Degree with Early Childhood certification.
- The Associate Teacher has extensive early childhood training.

## What Are The Requirements For My Child To Participate?

- Be four years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the program year.
- Meet State Income guidelines.

Before entering the program parents must provide for their child:

- Income Verification
- A registered birth certificate
- A current health appraisal & immunization record
- Initial Online Interest Form
- Completed Enrollment Packet

## What Can I do As a Parent?

- Attend Parent/Teacher conferences
- Attend Parent Meetings
- Participate on a parent advisory committee
- Volunteer in the classroom and/or field trips

## What About Cost And Transportation?

This program is free to qualifying families contingent upon Michigan Department of Education funding.

Busing is usually available, based on the local school district bus routes.

## Is Acceptance Into The Program Automatic?

Each student must qualify for the program based on the Michigan State Department of Education requirements.

## How Do I Register My Child?

Complete the online intake form at:  
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## What Happens After I Complete the Online Intake Form?

The Allegan County Preschool Partnership will review your application and determine which program your child is eligible to attend and is best suited to meet their individual needs.

