



D200 announces preschool tuition programs and registration process for 2020-2021

District 200 will begin accepting applications for its 2020-2021 tuition preschool program on Jan. 24, 2020. In addition to the long-standing grant-funded preschool program open to children ages 3-5 who qualify through a pre-screening process, two other program options are available to interested parents. Details about all programs can be found on the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center website at www.woodstockschoools.org/dierzen.

A dual language program for 4-year-olds is offered, as well as the tuition-based preschool program. All preschool programs are taught by the certified staff of the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center, primarily located at 2045 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock.

Eighteen English language learners and 18 Spanish language learners will be accepted into the dual language preschool, which will run five days a week with morning and afternoon sessions. Instruction will be presented in both languages with the goal of helping students become proficient in a second language. To be considered for the program, a child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2020 and live within District 200 attendance boundaries.

Parents/guardians of all applicants for the dual language preschool must attend a mandatory meeting at the school at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Information about the program, registration requirements, fees and bus transportation will be discussed and questions answered.

The tuition-paid preschool program will be open to 3-, 4-, and 5-year-old children whose families reside either in or outside of District 200 boundaries and who don't qualify for the grant-funded program. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered, and parents may choose a five-, three- or two-day-a-week program.

Families who want to enroll their 3, 4 or 5 year-old in the tuition-free grant funded preschool must first schedule a preschool screening appointment to determine whether their child is eligible. The process, which is free, assesses a child's developmental skills and identifies whether he or she would benefit from some early assistance prior to entering kindergarten. Eligible children may then be registered for preschool depending upon classroom availability.

Preschool screenings are conducted at the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center on the following dates: Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, March 4, March 18, April 8, April 22, June 2, June 3, and June 9. Parents must call the school at (815) 338-8883 to schedule an appointment in advance.

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Applications for the dual language preschool and the tuition-based preschool will be accepted by the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center from Friday, Jan. 24 through Friday, Feb. 21. Informational flyers about the dual language preschool and the tuition-based preschool programs are posted on the school's website.

Onsite daycare is available to all preschool program participants through the District 200 Kid's Club. Optional bus transportation may be available to families living on a current District 200 bus route at an additional cost.

For more information about preschool options and the registration process, contact the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center at (815) 338-8883 or visit the school's website at www.woodstockschoools.org/dierzen .

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