

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program Assurances...

1. Provide a minimum of one teacher (appropriately licensed for early childhood) during the voluntary preschool instructional time.
2. Provide a minimum of one teacher for every 10 children in the classroom during instructional time. A minimum of one staff person and one teacher will be present when 11-20 children are present. Enrollment is limited to 20 children per classroom.
3. Provide eligible children with at least 10 hours per week of intentional instruction directly related to the program's curriculum, such time to be exclusive of recess and faith-based instruction.
4. Involve families through at least one home visit, one family night and at least two family-teacher conferences per year.
5. Provide teacher assistants in each four-year-old preschool classroom that have a CDA or equivalent, or are enrolled in a CDA course.
6. Meet one of the three program standards set forth by the State of Iowa – Head Start Performance Standards, Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards, and/or NAEYC Standards.
7. Provide adequate and appropriate space and facilities in accordance with program standards. This includes a minimum of 35 square feet per child.
8. Use a comprehensive research based curriculum and assessment that is aligned to the Iowa Early Learning Standards – Creative Curriculum
9. Assessments will be conducted according to the District assessment plan – Teaching Strategies GOLD
10. Participate in regular collaboration meetings with the District and all preschool partners.
11. Participate in professional development appropriate to teacher(s) and staff.