

## Gretna Early Education Center

The Gretna Early Education Center is a private preschool for 4-year-old children in the Gretna Public School District. The Center is staffed by certified Early Childhood Teachers.

The program focuses on the unique development of young children, in accordance with the indicators of quality issued by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Gretna Early Education Center provides:

- Teachers certified in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education
- Developmentally appropriate learning experiences
  - √ allowing children to develop at their own rate of learning
  - √ encouraging social interaction between 4-year-olds
  - √ providing opportunities for decision making and problem solving
  - √ Active Learning--children learn by manipulation of materials
  - √ encouraging natural interests and abilities
  - √ enhancing a positive interest and excitement for learning
- Low adult to child ratio
- Access to specialists in Speech Pathology, Special Education, and Physical and/or Occupational Therapy for children with identified special needs.
- Continuous training for staff
- Programs for parent education and involvement
- Eligibility for all 4-year-old children in the District (4 by July 31, 2019)
- Tuition is \$150 per month

According to Nebraska Department of Education Regulations for Early Childhood Programs (Rule 11), Public Schools are not allowed to serve Kindergarten age eligible children (5 by July 31, 2019) in their preschool programs.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school term, will be from Friday, February 1, 2019 through Monday, February 25, 2019. The applications should be completed online at [www.gpsne.org](http://www.gpsne.org) website.

Due to the high demand for preschool enrollment in previous years, registration for new students will be through a lottery process held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. All Applications should be completed on line prior to this date. **No applications will be accepted after Monday, February 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.** A letter will be sent to inform you whether your child was chosen following the lottery the week of March 4, 2019. No information will be given by phone as to the results of the lottery. Any children not placed in preschool for the 2019-2020 school year will be put on a waiting list in the order your application was drawn by lottery.

We will attempt to give your first choice of time slots, but choices of time slots cannot be guaranteed. \*Please note: A \$40.00 registration fee is due along with the application. This fee is non-refundable if your child is offered a place in the Gretna Early Education Center. Students placed on the waiting list will have the registration fee refunded.