

To **qualify** your child must be 4 years old by September 1st of this year for our 4 year-old classes, and 3 years old by September 1st of this year for our 3-year-old classes.

Your family must also meet the following:

FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES***		
Family Size	* Total Allowable Yearly Income	** 130 % Poverty Guidelines
2	16,240	21,112
3	20,420	26,546
4	24,600	31,980
5	28,780	37,414
6	32,960	42,848
7	37,140	48,282
8	41,320	53,716

* Families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.
 ** Families within these guidelines will be accepted after all eligible families within first set(s) of guidelines have been placed, as allowed by Federal Guidelines.

What do I need to apply?

- Verification of your family's income for 2016 or the past 12 months, including child support, unemployment, college grants/scholarships, SSI, and TAFI
- Copy of your child's immunization records
- Certified copy of Birth Certificate (child)
- Medical Card (if applicable)
- Diagnosed Disability Documentation (I.E.P. or I.F.S.P. when applicable)
- IF foster child, letter from State of Idaho or court order

What do I do after being accepted?

- Meet with your family advocate
- Provide up to date information for emergency contacts
- Participate in home visits and parent meetings
- Provide proof of your child's current dental & physical exams
- Help your child maintain good attendance
- Be engaged in program activities/volunteer as much as possible to ensure your family has a high quality experience



Our Mission Statement

Pocatello/Chubbuck Head Start
Builds School Ready Families

Our Vision Statement

Because we believe that all children have the right to grow up in safe, healthy, nurturing families that are supported by their communities,

Because we believe that all families should have the opportunity to receive support in enhancing the richness of their children's lives and maximizing achievement of their potentials,

We promote programs and policies that build sustainable systems to strengthen families and help parents enhance the social/emotional, physical and academic development of their children.

If you have any questions, Contact us at:

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Pocatello/Chubbuck School District #25 Head Start Preschool

2017—2018



*"Teaching Children...
... Serving Families"*



Our services are provided at no financial cost to you or your family. (Must meet federal guidelines)

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School Readiness with Head Start...

During a time when 3 & 4-year-olds are actively figuring out their world and how things work, Head Start provides high quality early childhood education that encompasses the Idaho Early Learning Guidelines' five developmental & learning domains.



The Head Start approach to School Readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children.

Head Start recognizes parents as their children's first and most important teachers, and will give your family support in becoming engaged in the long-term, life-long success of your child.

Our certified teachers and assistants partner with parents to determine the strengths, interests, and needs of each child to plan educational activities that meet the needs of all children.



Teachers plan an environment & activities that are based on developmentally appropriate practices & Head Start early childhood standards.



All materials needed for participation in the classroom are provided by Head Start (backpack, pencils, crayons, paper, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, etc.)

Our program must ensure that 10% of our enrollment is filled with children with disabilities, including severe disabilities.

Services for State Qualifying Disabilities are provided by School District #25 at no cost during the Head Start class time. We also partner with community providers to make available the best possible environment & services for children with disabilities.

We provide a comprehensive health screening for each child, including an assessment of growth & development, vision, hearing, speech, and basic oral health.

Head Start does require a well-child exam and dental exam within 90 days of enrollment. For those families with no insurance coverage, who are not receiving Medicaid, we will assist in accessing other sources of funding.



We offer health education to our parents & children on topics including first-aid, safety, and any other topic requested.

Our students receive two meals each day, with menus planned and analyzed by a registered dietician.

We offer nutrition education to children & families. Referrals to outside nutritional services are made on a case-by-case basis.

We believe emotional & social growth depend on positive mental health. Mental Health services are supported by a contracted, licensed mental health professional.

Our family services staff assist parents in identifying family strengths, interests, and in setting goals. We offer parenting information, resources, and support groups based on your needs and requests. Personalized home visits are offered to all families, including family wellness and other preventative-based education.



Our 'hands-on' approach to parent engagement provides you with the unique opportunity to become not only involved, but actively engaged in your child's education from the very beginning.

Our program depends on parents being engaged both in and out of the classroom. You will have the opportunity to be a part of Policy Council and many other fun parent committees. Volunteer experience and training can be added to parent resumes!

We support our parents in finding opportunities for education, as well as career development. It is important to us to help you succeed in whatever areas you choose, and to support you in becoming self-sufficient, and in working toward making your family's dreams a reality.