The Omaha Public Schools Early Childhood Programs are need-based programs. The results of an academic screening tool and family income are used to determine which applicants are in most need of an Early Childhood placement. The Prekindergarten Program works collaboratively with the district's Head Start and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programs to provide integrated preschool services across the school district. Our programs work together to meet Nebraska Department of Education standards and Prekindergarten Performance Standards. This inclusive approach allows us to enhance our existing preschool programs to ensure children's school readiness, social/emotional and physical health, as well as ensuring families' needs are being met.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before July 31, 2016 and reside within Douglas County to be eligible to apply for the 2016-2017 OPS Early Childhood Programs. To apply, you must attend an Application Day to complete the application and to have your child screened. Each school that offers an Early Childhood Program will hold an application day at the building. Application Days will also be held at the TAC Building. Specific dates, times and locations for all Application Days will be available in JANUARY 2016. Please check back at that time or contact the Student Placement Office at (402)557-2710.

Please call (402)827-5339 for questions regarding the Head Start Program or (402)557-2361 for questions regarding the Early Childhood Special Education Program.