

Bismarck Public Schools Head Start & Early Head Start

Serving Burleigh, Emmons, and Kidder County

BECEP at Richholt 720 N 14th Street Bismarck, ND 58501

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INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in Early Head Start and Head Start at BECEP! Our programs are designed to develop the academic, social, emotional, and health needs of children from birth to 5 years old, and their families. Staff

support school readiness by helping children possess the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning in life. 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. Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Our programs are federally funded. Eligibility is determined using income guidelines established by the federal government. Ninety percent of families enrolled are below the federal poverty level, are homeless, in foster care, receive Supplemental Social Security (SSI), TANF and/or SNAP. Families who are within the 130% guidelines may be served **after** all families who meet the 100% poverty guidelines have been served, if space is available.

Your application **must be complete** before we can determine eligibility.

2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines										
Family Size	Family Yearly Income100%	Family Yearly Income130%								
1	\$15,650	\$20,345								
2	\$21,150	\$27,495								
3	\$26,650	\$34,645								
4	\$32,150	\$41,795								
5	\$37,650	\$48,945								
6	\$43,150	\$56,095								
7	\$48,650	\$63,245								
8	\$54,150	\$70,395								
For each additional person, add \$5,500 add \$7,150										

Early Head Start (EHS) – serves a total of 12 expectant families, infants, and toddlers under the age of 3, in their homes over a 12-month period (48 weeks) July through June.

Prenatal – Expectant families receive a home visit one time a month or as needed to support them during their pregnancy.

Birth to 3 – Parent services are provided and focus on child development and parent education through weekly home visits. The home visitor supports the parents' ability to enhance their child's unique development through child-focused activities and experiences. Parent-child play groups are provided to promote socialization experiences for children.

Head Start (HS) – provides preschool to 119 children ages 3-5 years over a 9-month period from Aug./Sept. through May/June. Classroom instruction is provided for 6.25 hours (8:15-2:30) Monday through Friday. Each classroom is staffed by at least one teacher and two instructional aides. Each family will receive a minimum of 2 home visits. Families come to the center for open house and two conferences. Transportation to and from school is available.



Application Checklist:

Step 1 Complete the Application process to BECEP.

(To avoid any delays in processing your application, complete <u>all</u> items in step 1 of the application process.)

In-Person Interview	Call to schedule an in-person appointment at 701-323-4400
Proof of Age	State-Certified Birth Certificate. Child must be age eligible to enroll.
Proof of Residency	One Primary Proof of Residence (Examples indicated below) One Secondary Proof of Residence (Examples indicated below)
	Note: If you live in transitional housing (motel, campsite, car, shelter, or shared housing), you do not need to complete this item. Tell staff you are in transitional housing.
Driver's License or Photo ID of LEGAL guardian. (Proof of court appointed guardianship)	The person registering the student must be the legal parent or courtappointed guardian. Court appointed guardians must provide legal papers.
omplete the application for Head ving documents:	Start and determine if your child is eligible, you must submit the
Proof of Income	Each parent/stepparent living in the home related to the child by blood, marriage or adoption must submit income verification from ONE of the following: • 2024 Tax Statement • Pay stubs for past 12 months • TANF, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Foster Care Income or SNAP
	Child support received, if applicable. Submit child support payments received over the past 12 months.
Early Head Start (EHS)/ Head Start (HS) Application	Review the application to make sure all questions are completed.

One Primary Proof of Residence (Examples: home mortgage, builder's agreement, purchase agreement, homeowner's insurance policy, Burleigh County property tax statement, or lease/rental agreement that lists the names of parents/guardians living in the rental unit, plus the manger's name and phone number.)

One Secondary Proof of Residence (Examples: bill for heat/lights, garbage/water, or cable TV dated within the last 30 days, or document from the Department of Social Services.)

Unacceptable Proof of Residence: US mail, post office change of address, credit card/bank statement, personal taxes, medical bills, payroll checks, insurance policy, or any proof older than 30 days.

Step 2 Orientation Meeting. New enrollees may be requested to complete a developmental screening and accompany the parent/guardian to the appointment. The following documents will be needed following the Orientation appointment:

Physical Exam	Current physical exam (including hearing and vision screening, hemoglobin, and blood lead screening) through a provider such as: your family physician, Health Tracks, or Public Health Unit
Dental Exam	Current dental exam
Immunization Record	Up-to-date immunization record

Applicant & Family Member Information

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The BECEP Early Head Start/ Head Start Program serves children and their family's birth to age 5. The educational program is tailored to children's individual strengths and needs. It fosters self-esteem and develops cognitive, language, motor, and social skills. The comprehensive development program includes medical and dental screenings and follow-up treatment along with classroom experiences that emphasize a variety of preventive health practices. Nutritious meals and snacks are eaten in family-style settings. As the primary resource and educators of their children, parents are an integral part of the success of HEAD START. They are welcomed to volunteer and to participate in activities to help support their child's growth and development. They also have opportunities for leadership in the program by serving on the Policy Council and/or on Parent Committees. HEAD START offers support for parents by supporting opportunities for self-sufficiency. HEAD START staff and parents work together to develop parent partnership agreements that build on family strengths to realize short-term and long-term family goals. Fees: HEAD START is funded through the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Head Start Bureau. The program is free to those families who meet the established federal eligibility income guidelines. I agree to cooperate with the policies and procedures of the Early Head Start/ Head Start Program. I understand that at the beginning of the year I will be provided with a parent handbook, which includes relevant policies and procedures. I certify that information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and is subject to verification. I am also aware that I may be subject to termination from the program if the information verified disqualifies me from eligibility.															
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BECEP Head Start Family Information Form

(2/2025)

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Parent/	Guardian Contact -In	formation				
Student Resides With (x)	Name of Par	ent/Guardian		Employer	Daytime Phone	Cell Phone (receive text messages)
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Physical											
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Contact #3	(Last, First Name)	Relationship to Child		Contact Phone No.							
I hereby certify that all the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understan providing false information on this form or in conjunction with this form may result in the Bismarck Public School District withdrawing my child's enrollment in the Bismarck Public Schools.											
Signature	of Parent or Legal Guardian		Date								