



**CASS COUNTY HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START
PLATTSMOUTH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is an application for the Plattsmouth Early Childhood Center (PECC). PECC offers two preschool options and **your child must be three years of age on or before July 31, 2026** to be eligible for either option. We also offer two home-based options for pregnant women and children ages birth to preschool age. Current enrollment options are:

1. Head Start Preschool

This is a federally funded early childhood option under the guidance of Plattsmouth Community Schools. There is no charge to attend and families must meet eligibility guidelines based on income and other factors and families must be a resident of Cass County. All of the classrooms follow the school year calendar and operate Monday through Friday from about 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM.

2. Tuition Based Preschool

The preschool classrooms follow the school year calendar and operate Monday through Friday from about 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM. Priority is given to children who may have risk factors for school readiness and children who will be attending kindergarten in 2027-2028. This option is only available to children whose parents/guardians reside in the Plattsmouth Community School district. Tuition is currently \$2900/year (this amount is subject to change) and can be paid in 9 monthly installments (August to April) with the addition of a small service/handling charge. There is a reduced tuition rate based on income and family size.

Before and After School Child Care Program

Plattsmouth Early Childhood Center (PECC) currently operates an extended care program. The program is available at an additional cost for children enrolled in the Head Start and tuition based options. Extended care operates on the days the preschool classrooms are in session from about 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. Extended care is not guaranteed and acceptance for this program depends on the number of children/families interested and available staffing. Applications for extended care are available in late July or early August during preschool registration and families will be notified about acceptance a few days before the start of the preschool.

3. Early Head Start Home-Based Program

Early Head Start is a year round home-based program. This option is available to families residing in Cass County. Children ages birth to three (not eligible for preschool) as well as pregnant women are welcome to apply. Home visits typically occur for about 90 minutes weekly. Families enrolled in the program are encouraged to attend socializations at PECC 3 or 4 times a month.

4. Sixpence Home-Based Program

The Sixpence home-based program also operates year round. This option is only available for residents of the Plattsmouth Community School District. Children ages birth to three (not eligible for preschool) as well as pregnant women are welcome to apply. Home visits typically occur for about 60 minutes weekly. Families enrolled in the program are encouraged to attend socializations at PECC 3 or 4 times a month.

Special Education Services

Special education services are provided at the PECC for children with a verified educational disability who are residents of the Plattsmouth Community School district. Services are available for the Head Start and tuition-based preschool options as well as both home-based options (for residents of Plattsmouth Community Schools). If you have concerns about any area of your child's development, please indicate concern on your



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application and voice your concern to the staff member who contacts you about your application.

Acceptance

If you are interested in either the preschool or home-based options for your child, please complete the attached application and return it to the Plattsmouth Early Childhood Center. If you return the application by mail, we will notify you when it has been received and is being processed. You will receive notification at a later time if your child has been accepted for or will be placed on a waitlist for the preschool or home-based options.

If you have questions, please contact the Early Childhood Center at (402) 296-5250.