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## RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### **Raymond Central Preschool . . . where the journey of lifelong learning begins!**

The Raymond Central Preschool Program offers a quality educational setting for children with meaningful learning and play experiences guided by a certified teacher who has specialized training in early childhood development and teaching. The age-appropriate curriculum will focus on academic, language, social/emotional, and physical development of children.

Raymond Central will offer two Preschool sessions located at Raymond Central Jr-Sr High. One session will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. The other session will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sessions will meet from approximately 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM. Home visits will take place on Fridays as part of the requirement of the Nebraska Department of Education Rule 11. A minimum of two home visits are required each school year. The Preschool Program will primarily follow the Raymond Central Public Schools calendar with some exceptions. Transportation may be provided from pick up points in the district in coordination with daycare sites or arranged by parents.

Mrs. Jacki Barry, an Early Childhood endorsed teacher will lead the program. The Nebraska Department of Education has developed guidelines for all preschool programs and are outlined in Rule 11.

Please complete an application for your child. You can download the application posted on the RCPS website at [www.rcentral.org](http://www.rcentral.org) or pick up a paper copy from any of the Raymond Central Schools.

Applications are due by March 15, 2019 and will remain open until program capacity is reached (approx. 16 for each session).

Sincerely,

Dr. Derrick Joel  
Superintendent



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### Raymond Central Preschool

All preschool children, regardless of their abilities, disabilities or social, linguistic, or economic diversity of the children's families are eligible to be served in the Raymond Central Preschool Program. The primary focus of the preschool program is to serve prekindergarten-age children. Prekindergarten-age is defined as a child who will be four years of age on or before July 31, 2019. A three year old is defined as a child who will be three years of age on or before July 31, 2019.

**Qualifications** – Children must meet the qualifying criteria to attend preschool at Raymond Central.

1. Child is a resident of the Raymond Central Public School District.
2. Child may not be eligible to attend kindergarten (5 years of age by July 31, 2019).
3. Child must be at least 3 years of age on or before July 31st of the year they enter preschool.  
Priority will be given to children who are at least 4 years of age before July 31, 2019.
4. Child will attend kindergarten at Raymond Central in the fall of the following school year (must not be 5 years of age by July 31 and at least 4 years of age by July 31, 2019).
5. Non-resident child eligibility will be based on space availability in the program.

### Special Priority Considerations

In the event that Raymond Central Schools is unable to serve all prekindergarten-age children who are pre-registered for the preschool program, first priority will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Child has special education verification.
2. Family qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program (completion of the meal application is required).
3. Mother is under the age of 18 years of age at child's birth (documentation required).
4. Home language is not English.
5. Child's birth weight was under 5 pounds (verified by a physician and/or copy of child's birth certificate).
6. Child is in foster care or a ward of the court (legal documentation required).
7. One or both parent(s) of the child has not attained a high school diploma or GED (documentation required).
8. Child has siblings who attend Raymond Central.

### Application for Preschool

Completed applications should be submitted to the Superintendent at Raymond Central Public Schools. Applications are due by March 15, 2019. Late applications will only be accepted if space is available in the preschool program. In addition to the application, the items below must be submitted in order for the application to be complete:

1. Certified copy of the child's birth certificate
2. Up-to-date immunization record
3. Any documentation for evidence of special priority considerations