

# Little *Raiders* Preschool



*Preschool program for  
Southern Public Schools  
(Children ages 3 and 4)*

Dear Families:

We are excited to offer families, in our communities, a wonderful educational opportunity for their children! The half day 3-year-old Little Raiders Preschool is located just north of the Elementary School building and the full day 4-year-old Little Raiders Preschool is located within the Elementary School building. Both programs offer a high-quality educational environment where children ages 3 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year are eligible for the 3-year-old program and where children ages 4 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year are eligible for the 4-year-old program, can learn and grow in a variety of ways. There are two sessions of the 3-year-old preschool program (One in the morning and one in the afternoon). The morning preschool program starts at 8:00 a.m. and runs until 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon preschool program starts at 12:00 p.m. and runs until 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. There are 10 spots in both the morning and the afternoon preschool programs (20 spots total). There is one session of the 4-year-old preschool program and it starts at 8:13 a.m. and runs until 3:33 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. There are 20 spots available in the 4-year-old preschool program.

Family interaction and involvement is essential to an early childhood education program. The goal of our preschool program is to create a learning environment that includes you, the parent/guardian of the preschool child. Both Miss Antholz and Mrs. Manley will conduct two home visits per year with each family. The initial meeting will include an assessment of the child's strengths. Goals will be set for the child following the initial parent meeting. The second home visit will be during the second semester. This home visit will include transition information for next year's program or to kindergarten. Southern Public Schools will share resources with parents and relay information about developmental stages and growth of your child.

Southern Public Schools has chosen the Teaching Strategies Gold for our early childhood education assessment tool. It is comprehensive in design, which will aid the teachers in creating age-appropriate themes. This assessment system describes what kind of experiences a preschool should provide, how to work with children at different developmental levels, and how to involve families in the program to ensure they are developing age appropriately.

The Little Raiders Preschool will offer enrollment to children according to the following tuition guidelines (Sliding Fee Scale):

### **Little Raiders Preschool Sliding Fee Scale (3-Year-Old Preschool):**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Special Education (IEP):           | No Cost           |
| Free Meal Program Eligibility:     | No Cost           |
| Reduced Meal Program Eligibility:  | \$30.00/per month |
| Full Pay Meal Program Eligibility: | \$60.00/per month |

### **Little Raiders Preschool Sliding Fee Scale (4-Year-Old Preschool):**

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Special Education (IEP):           | No Cost            |
| Free Meal Program Eligibility:     | No Cost            |
| Reduced Meal Program Eligibility:  | \$60.00/per month  |
| Full Pay Meal Program Eligibility: | \$120.00/per month |

Annual tuition is to be made in nine payments of \$60 or \$120 for Full Pay Meal Program eligibility. The first payment is due on or before August 21<sup>st</sup> and covers tuition for August and May combined. Subsequent payments are to be paid on the first of each month beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Other tuition payment options include advance quarterly, semester and annual payments. Failure to remit payment for program tuition will result in discontinued enrollment.

The Little Raiders Preschool will provide nutritionally-balanced meals for participating children. Children participating in the programs will have the opportunity to be served a full family-style meal during daily programming. Children will learn how to set up their own place settings as well as serve their own food independently. All children will be offered a daily snack, as well. If participation is chosen, the following are meal program costs:

### **Meal Program (4 Days Per Week):**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Free Meal Eligibility:    | No Cost                                |
| Reduced Meal Eligibility: | \$0.30 (Breakfast) and \$0.40 (Lunch)* |
| Full Pay Eligibility:     | \$2.00 (Breakfast) and \$2.90 (Lunch)* |

**\*Please Note:** The following lunch prices will change when the new state guidelines are released in July and advance monthly or periodic deposits into your child's lunch account are recommended.

### **Enrollment Information**

Little Raiders Preschool registration will officially start on February 1 and it will run until March 15. The district will hold a registration day during parent teacher conferences at the Elementary School on Thursday, February 7. The registration day will run from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and it will be held at the Elementary School library. There will be Southern staff available to help potential parents/guardians fill out the new Little Raiders Preschool application. Parents will also be notified of acceptance into Little Raiders Preschool by April 1.

Priority for enrollment into the Little Raiders Preschool program is based on the following indicators in order of importance:

1. Children Living Within the District Boundaries,
2. Kindergarten Eligible,
  - a. Must be 4 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> for all-day 4-year-old program in Blue Springs,
  - b. Must be 3 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> for half-day 3-year-old program in Blue Springs,
3. Income Eligibility,
4. Students with Disabilities,
5. English Learners, and
6. Date of Completion of the Preschool Application.

**Please return enclosed forms to Little Raiders Preschool, 315 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, P.O. Box 158, Blue Springs, NE 68318. Forms can also be given to either Dawn or Rae at the Elementary School office in Blue Springs. For your child to attend preschool, please include a copy of your child's current immunization records and birth certificate, which will be due prior to the start of preschool in the fall.**

Families will be notified of formal acceptance by April 1. Handbook and policy information will be presented to the families prior to the start of preschool.

# Little Raiders

Preschool 2019-2020 Application



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## CHILD INFORMATION:

Child's Legal Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Race Black White Native American Asian Pacific Islander

Gender: F M Age: (Years-Months) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ English Proficiency: \_\_\_\_\_ (O=None, 1-Poor, 2-Moderate, 3-Proficient)

Children's Ethnic & Racial Identities:  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Check one or more Racial Identities:  American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  White

## FAMILY INFORMATION:

Primary Adult/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Living Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: First Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Contact # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact# \_\_\_\_\_

Foster Parent: Yes No Parental Status: One-Parent Two-Parent

No. Persons: In Family \_\_\_\_\_ No. Children: In Family \_\_\_\_\_

First & Last Names \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender F M

Education Level \_\_\_\_\_ (G9=9<sup>th</sup> grade or less, G10=10<sup>th</sup> Grade, G11=11<sup>th</sup> grade, G12=12<sup>th</sup> Grade, HSD=High School Diploma, GED=General Education Diploma, COL=Some College, GTG=College Degree/Training Cert., A=Associates Degree, B=Bachelor's Degree, M=Master's Degree, EdS=Education Specialist, P=Professional Degree/Doctorate)

Employment Status \_\_\_\_\_ (F=Full time, P=Part Time, S=Seasonal, B=Full Time Work/Training, L=Part Time Work/Training, U=Unemployment, R=Retired/Disabled, T=Training School)

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Does Child have an Educational Disability (IEP)? **Yes No Suspected**

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the child receiving services? **Yes No** Who is the provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Does child have special needs or health problems? **Yes No**

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to program by other agency/professional? **Yes No** By Whom & Why \_\_\_\_\_

Any specific family need or crisis? **Yes No** Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the family receive Public Assistance Benefits? **Yes No** List the Benefits Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Do you have other children in your district? Please include preschool children.

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Date of Birth | Grade & School (If attending) |
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**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Please list people to call in case of an emergency and parent/guardian is not available. People listed below may transport your child home if you cannot be reached.

| Name  | Phone | Relationship |
|-------|-------|--------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____        |
| _____ | _____ | _____        |
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| _____ | _____ | _____        |

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that this information is true. If any part is false, my participation in this school district's programs may be subject to legal action. I also understand that the information in this application will be held in strict confidence within the school district and is accessible to me during normal business hours.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** A copy of the child's birth certificate and immunizations record will be needed prior to the start of preschool.