

FARMINGTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESCHOOLS



Farmington Special Preschool

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Farmington Municipal School District offers two public preschool programs at three sites. All preschools follow the **NM PreK FOCUS** criteria and **Early Learning Guidelines** with **Essential Indicators**.

Farmington Special Preschool is for students ages three to five who have a documented educational need for special education services. These students have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) with goals that are written in the area(s) in which s/he qualifies. Role models who model behavior and language also attend FSPS on a tuition basis.

NM PreK CATE and Esperanza are NM Public Education funded sites that serve Farmington students who are typically developing as well as students with IEPs during their year immediately preceding kindergarten. Students must be four years old on or before August 31st of the current year and reside in Farmington Municipal School District.

MISSION STATEMENT

FARMINGTON PRESCHOOLS— To provide children and their families a safe and nurturing learning environment that supports the whole child in developing the necessary skills to construct their own knowledge and be prepared for a successful transition to kindergarten.

GOALS for the Preschools

- A. Foster emergent literacy and math skills.
- B. Support learning in each of the developmental areas.
- C. Promote family and community involvement.
- D. Encourage teamwork.
- E. Celebrating diversity.

FOCUS

New Mexico has chosen, as it's overarching vision, the goal established by its Early Learning Advisory Council: *"Every child in New Mexico will have an equal opportunity for success in school based upon equitable access to an aligned and high quality learning system."* The NM Public Education Department is committed to participate in implementation of *FOCUS: New Mexico's Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS)*, which is a system includes program criteria by which preschool programs will be measured and a process for program improvement. FOCUS will provide the criteria, tools, and resources necessary to support and improve the quality of preschools across the state.

EARLY LEARNING GUIDELINES / ESSENTIAL INDICATORS / PORTFOLIOS

New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs) provide a framework of criteria regarding children's growth, development, and learning. The Essential Indicators are observable behaviors or skills of children in relation to a specific outcome. The ELGs and the Essential Indicators direct the information needed in each student's portfolio. Preschool staff collects and gathers data to place in the portfolios. They use the information to inform families of their student's progress and to guide and improve instruction.

If you have questions or know anyone who would be interested in having their child screened or enrolled in one of our preschool programs, please contact us!