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HEAD START
PROGRAM
PARENT PARTNERSHIP
PAMPHLET



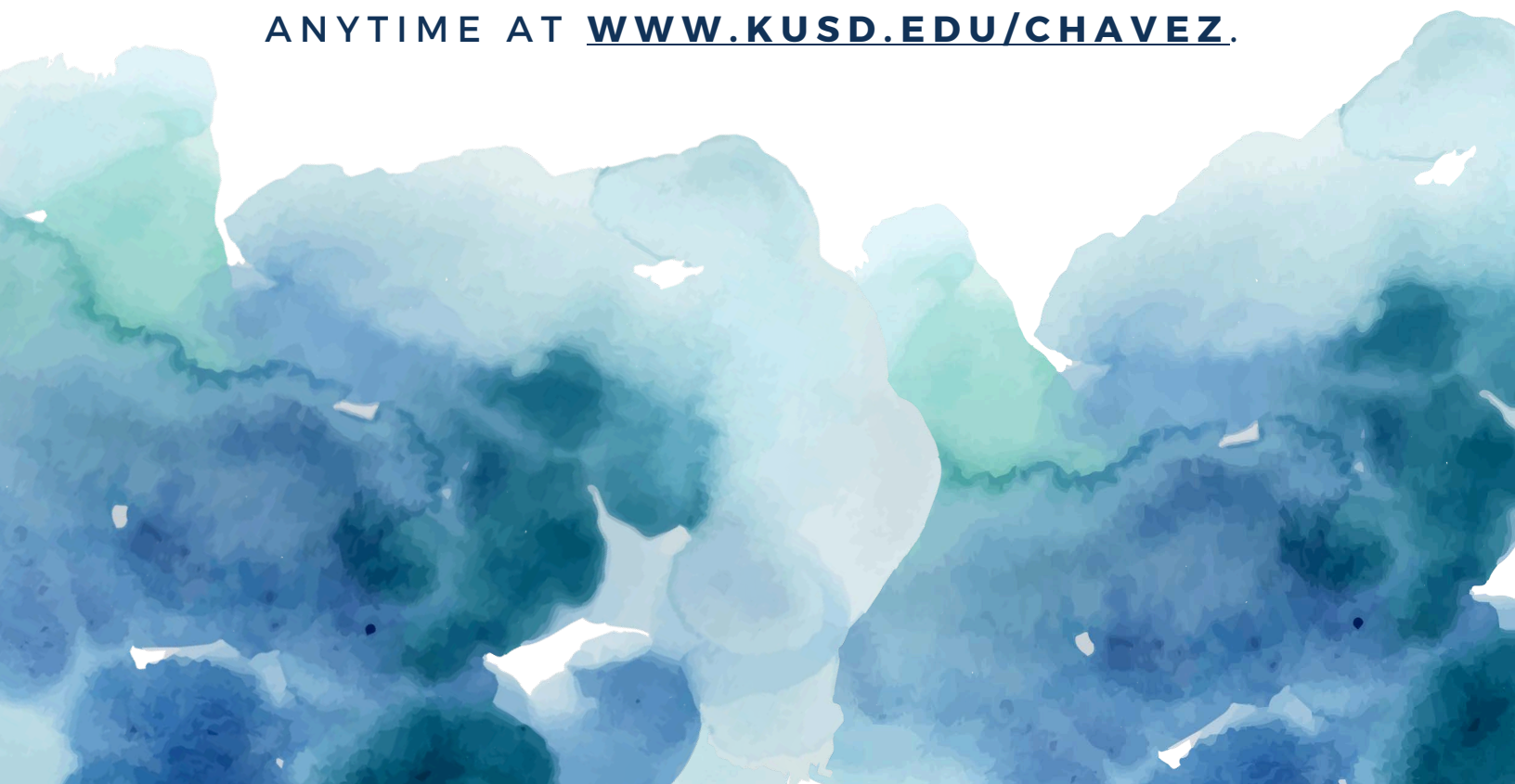
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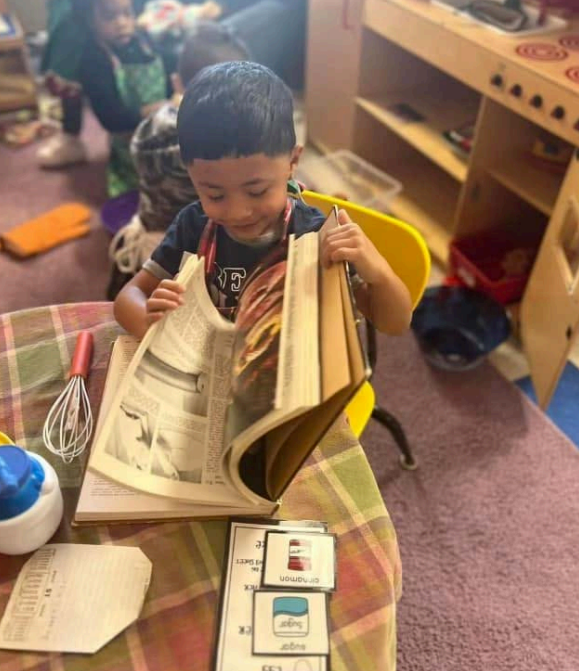


KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**WELCOME TO
KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
HEAD START PROGRAM!**

THIS PAMPHLET IS MEANT TO HELP GUIDE YOU IN
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US AT HEAD START
AND WHAT WE WILL EXPECT OF YOU. THIS
PAMPHLET CAN BE ACCESSED ELECTRONICALLY AT
ANYTIME AT WWW.KUSD.EDU/CHAVEZ.





WHAT IS HEAD START?

Head Start is a free federal program providing a variety of high-quality educational, health, nutritional and family advocacy to preschool children and their families. Special education services are available for identified children.

Our goal is to prepare children socially, emotionally and academically, so they will be successful in kindergarten and beyond. Children learn to:

- Identify colors, numbers and letters
- Write their name and use scissors
- Eat healthy, exercise and brush teeth
- Solve problems, get along with others, and share
- Understand transitions and routines
- Improve listening and speaking skills
- Develop an enjoyment of books

Our program actively engages parents and guardians because we recognize that family participation throughout the program is key to strong child outcomes.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US?

CURRICULUM

Our program provides a safe, inclusive, enriching learning environment for all of our students. Head Start utilizes The Creative Curriculum®/SmartTeach™. The Creative Curriculum®/SmartTeach™ is a comprehensive, research-based approach to early childhood education that emphasizes hands-on, project-based learning to foster children's confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills. It focuses on learning through play, exploration, and discovery, and it is designed to nurture the whole child by supporting their social-emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.

FAMILY ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATION

Because our program focuses on whole child and family well-being, your family will be provided with a Family Advocate. Our Family Advocates will work with your family to identify needs and strengths, develop action plans and help troubleshoot, and provide community resources. Our Family Advocates will check in with you regularly through a variety of ways including phone, email, text message, and face-to-face visits. Our Family Advocates work to support your child and your family, and each advocate is committed to

The Head Start staff will remain accessible to you and your family during business hours. Because attendance is a requirement for Head Start, when your student is not at school, and we have not heard from you regarding their absence, we will make attempts to reach you. It is important to us that your child is in school. When they are not in school, they are missing out on valuable learning time.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US?

BUILDING SAFETY

We ensure that each visitor coming into our buildings have provided proper identification and have been scanned into the Raptor system. The Raptor system is a visitor management program the Kenosha Unified School District utilizes to help ensure safety in our schools.

COSTS, MEALS, AND HEALTHY HABITS

All Head Start students do **not** need to bring any school supplies or toileting items (diapers, wipes, etc). We request you provide a backpack and a change of clothes if possible. All school registration fees for Head Start students are waived. **Head Start is free for those who qualify!**

Our program strives to help your child and family establish healthy habits. While at school, your student will be provided healthy meals and a snack free of charge. Students will not be allowed to have sugary snacks while at school with the exception of birthday or classroom celebrations. Students attending morning sessions receive breakfast and a snack. Students attending afternoon sessions receive lunch and a snack. Full day students receive breakfast, lunch, and a snack. If your student is enrolled in a full day classroom, your student will also be provided with a one hour, safe napping/rest period.

Our students practice handwashing and toothbrushing to maintain good physical and oral hygiene. Our students brush their teeth each day that school is in session. Our program provides your child with toothpaste and his or her own toothbrush.

HOMELESSNESS/MCKINNEY VENTO

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that provides education services for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Homelessness means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Child and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings; and
- "Unaccompanied Youth", including youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

If you feel your family or student may fall into one of these categories and would like to explore more information, the Kenosha Unified School District has a McKinney Vento liaison who can assist you in determining if you qualify, what rights your child may have, and what next steps are. Her name is Kaylee Cutler, and she can be reached at (262)359-7396.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US?

HEALTH

To meet state and Head Start Performance standards, our program requires up-to-date medical exams and dental exams to be completed for each student. If the appropriate consents are signed by a parent or legal guardian, our program will assist in obtaining the required medical documentation from your child's providers.

If your child does not have a primary doctor or dentist, our program will assist you in locating providers in our community. These providers are vital in partnering with your family and our program to help both ensure your child's physical and oral health needs are met as well as meeting requirements for our program such as students being up-to-date on vaccines, students having lead testing after the age of two, and routine exams. Our program has historically collaborated with local agencies to offer lead testing clinics as well as dental exam programming on-site at either Chavez Learning Station and/or your child's boundary school to assist in meeting requirements.

If you need transportation to medical or dental appointments for your Head Start child(ren), please reach out to your child's Family Advocate for assistance. We remain committed to support your child and family.

In alignment to Head Start Performance Standards and our commitment to whole child well-being, our program will conduct and assess your child's height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, and vision screenings. These required screenings are conducted by trained Head Start staff or nursing students supervised by our School Nurse/Health Consultant. We will share results with you at your conferences and/or home visits.





WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US?

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Head Start offers many ways for parents to be engaged in their child's education.

POLICY COUNCIL

The Head Start Policy Council is a governing body that consists of Head Start parents from all of our sites, community members, and representatives from our Kenosha Unified School District School Board who help lead and make decisions that pertain to our programs. Members are elected by parents of children enrolled in the program and provide input on important decisions, represent family interests, and approve financial expenditures and program plans. The Policy Council plays a crucial role in ensuring that our parents have a voice in major program decisions, including recruitment, personnel policies, and budgets. Policy Council meets typically one time each month. **If you are interested in participating in the Head Start Policy Council, please reach out to our director, Rhonda Lopez, at (262)359-6316. We love having representation from parents at each of our Head Start sites!**

PARENT COMMITTEE

The Head Start Parent Committee is comprised of parents of enrolled students. All parents of enrolled students are automatically members of the committee. The Parent Committee is organized and run by exclusively parents. It is a chance to network and meet with other parents to discuss anything that is of interest to you. Parent Committee meets typically one time each month. **If you are interested in participating in the Head Start Parent Committee, please reach out to our Family Services Coordinator/Mental Health Consultant, Julie King, at (262)359-7790.**

IN-KIND PARTICIPATION

In-Kind is time or services that are donated to our program. The Head Start grant mandates that our program receives 20% of our total federal grant in In-Kind Parent are included to participate in In-Kind on a monthly basis. Each month, you will receive an In-Kind documentation form to fill out. Parents can earn In-Kind hours for things such as working with their child at home on meeting goals set, volunteering in the classroom, or donating materials to the classroom.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Our program offers many family engagement activities each year. Your child's teacher will invite you to participate in child/family activities at least two times each year. While some activities change from year to year, we historically have many events at our schools such as cinnamon role model event, math night at school, story time at the public library, pumpkin science night, holiday events, library nights, cookie decorating, etc. We love being able to see and interact with our families both in and out of the classroom! Imagine the excitement your child feels when he or she is able to share these experiences with you and his or her teachers together!



WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU?

ATTENDANCE/SICK POLICY

Attendance is a requirement for Head Start. A student is considered chronically absent by missing 10% or more of school. We expect our students to attend school daily, arrive on time, and stay until dismissal. If your student will not be in school, we expect you to communicate with your child's school office to identify the reasoning for your child's absence.

Kenosha Unified School District has outlined sick guidelines for parents/staff to utilize. It is listed as follows:

To help keep our school communities healthy and safe, staff and students who are sick must stay home until they are better. Kenosha Unified School District reserves the right to send home any staff or student showing signs of illness that is outside of their normal baseline in order to prevent the spread of illness. Staff/students should remain home if they have or are experiencing:

- *Live Lice*
- *Vomiting*
- *Diarrhea (i.e., three or more unexplained episodes of loose/watery stools in 24 hours)*
- *A fever of 100.4°F or higher (with or without additional symptoms)*
- *Unexplained or undocumented rash*

Staff and students who are sick must stay home until symptoms have improved and:

- *they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication;*
- *they have not vomited and/or had diarrhea in 24 hours; AND/OR*
- *have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.*

HEALTH

Making sure our students are physically well is a priority for our program. **Head Start requires proof of your student's medical and dental exam within 90 days of your child's first day of school. We expect you to schedule these vital appointments and partner with Head Start to obtain the proof of the appointments.** You will be expected to sign medical and dental consents which would allow our program to communicate with your child's medical and dental providers to obtain the necessary documentation.

Lead poisoning can have severe impacts on a child's health including but not limited to developmental issues, nervous system damage, and chronic health conditions. ***In alignment with the Head Start Performance Standards and our commitment to whole child well-being, every student is required to have completed a lead test after the age of two years old within 90 days of your child starting school.***

Our state and local vaccination requirements for school entry are important to lower rates of vaccine-preventable diseases. ***You will be expected to ensure your student is up-to-date on 4-year old vaccinations.*** If there is a reason for exemption, please communicate with your school office or our Head Start School Nurse/Health Consultant, Jodee Rizzitano, at (262)359-7779.



WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU?

ADDRESS CHANGES AND ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

If you move throughout the school year, change your phone number, or have changes within your household, we expect that you update our Enrollment Coordinator, Karina Haebig, at (262)359-7784 to advise of the changes. If you have relocated, you will be asked to supply a new Proof of Residency in alignment with Kenosha Unified School District's residency policy.

Every family in Kenosha Unified School District is required to complete an online registration at www.kusd.edu/registration each year. This applies to all students in Preschool to 12th grade. Registration for the next school year typically opens in late February.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

Head Start strongly encourages parent participation as much as possible. Research has shown that a strong partnership between families and Head Start is key to improving child outcomes. We expect you to communicate with your child's teachers and Family Services Advocates. Kenosha Unified School District and Head Start requires twice a year conferences and home visits, and you will be expected to participate in these very important appointments. We ask that if you have any household pets, please safely put away them away to avoid injury at the scheduled home visits.

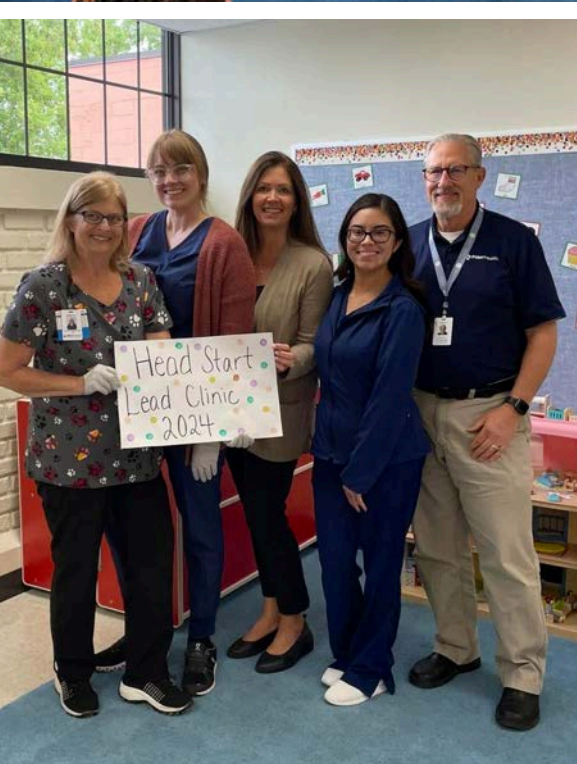
SAFETY

Each school has established safety measures including but not limited to pick up and drop off procedures and school visitors. If you are visiting at any school site, you will be asked to provide a valid identification to be run through the school's Raptor system in order to enter. Any of your child's emergency contacts that are picking up or dropping off your student will also be asked to provide a valid identification.

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

Our Head Start Program utilizes the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) for the purpose of monitoring incoming student's development and to ensure our students are meeting their age-appropriate milestones. **It is required that you complete your student's ASQ screeners within 45 days of your child starting school.** If you are unsure if you have completed your student's ASQ, please reach out to our Data Specialist, Deanna Hawlish, at (262)359-7795.





IMPORTANT RESOURCES

PREVENTION SERVICE NETWORK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

8600 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)697-4584

KENOSHA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER/PILLAR HEALTH

Pillar Health Kenosha Clinic
4006 Washington Road
Kenosha, WI 53144
(262)771-1700

KCHC 14th Avenue Clinic
6226 14th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144
(262)771-1688

KCHC 22nd Avenue Clinic
4536 22nd Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140
(262)771-0070

FOODWISE

health.extension.wisc.edu/foodwise

SEAL-A-SMILE

(262)656-0044
sealasmile.wisconsin.gov/Consent/Home/About

HOLIDAY HOUSE/WINTER WRAPS

8600 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)697-4500
kenoshagoodfellows.org

SHALOM CENTER

4314 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144
(262)658-1713

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HORIZONS

2525 63rd Street
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)652-9900

FOOD SHARE

8600 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, WI 53143
(888)794-5820
www.kenoshacountywi.gov/292/FoodShare

SHALOM CENTER SOUP KITCHEN/FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry

4314 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144
Wednesday & Fridays
8:30-11:30am
portal.soxbox.co/pantry/shalomcenter

Soup Kitchen

4314 39th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144
Enter through Door #4
Every Day
5-6pm

WIC

2000 63rd Street
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)657-0840

ELCA OUTREACH CENTER

6218 26th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53143
(262)652-5545

KENOSHA HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (KHDS)

3536 52nd Street
Kenosha, WI 53144
khds.org/programs/

KHDS 24-HOUR CRISIS INTERVENTION LINE: (262)697-7188



IMPORTANT HEAD START CONTACTS

DIRECTOR OF HEAD START

Rhonda Lopez.....(262)359-6316

HEAD START SCHOOL OFFICES

Bose Elementary School..... (262)359-4044
 Brass Community School..... (262)359-8000
 Chavez Learning Station..... (262)359-6080
 Frank Elementary School..... (262)359-6324
 Grewenow Elementary School..... (262)359-6362
 Kenosha School of Language..... (262)359-2006
 Strange Elementary School..... (262)359-6024

EDUCATION/DISABILITIES COORDINATOR/ INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

Annette Glazebrook..... (262)359-6045

HEAD START SCHOOL NURSE/HEALTH CONSULTANT

Jodee Rizzitano..... (262)359-7779

FAMILY SERVICES ADVOCATES

Fatima Carrillo Gomez..... (262)359-7707
 Crystal Dillon..... (262)359-7798
 Judith Granados..... (262)359-7799
 Mary Hood..... (262)359-7782
 Nateya Robinson..... (262)359-7493
 Sandra Procknow..... (262)359-7033

FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR/MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Julie King..... (262)359-7790

HEAD START ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE (ERSEA) COORDINATOR

Karina Haebig..... (262)359-7784

HEAD START DATA SPECIALIST

Deanna Hawlish..... (262)359-7795

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MCKINNEY VENTO LIASION

Kaylee Cutler..... (262)359-7396

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2025-2026 HEAD START PARENT PARTNERSHIP PAMPHLET

I acknowledge I have received the Parent Partnership Pamphlet. I also acknowledge I can access an electronic copy of the Parent Partnership Pamphlet online at www.kusd.edu/chavez at any given time.

I understand and agree to follow the expectations established by the Kenosha Unified School District's Head Start Program.

Child(ren) Name(s):

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Teacher or Family Advocate Signature:

Date:
