

FAQ: Pleasant Valley (PV) Preschool Program

1. Is my student eligible for the PV Preschool Program?

- ✓ You and your student must reside in the Pleasant Valley Community School District. Check our current map [here](#).
- ✓ Your student must be four years old on or before September 15th of the year of enrollment.
- ✓ Students who qualify for special education services may attend starting at age three, according to state law.

2. How do you decide who enters the PV Preschool Program?

- ✓ Our program is needs-based. We will screen your student on a variety of criteria to see if our program fits your student's needs. Please sign up for a screening [here](#).
- ✓ It is recommended any child who is eligible for our program is screened. Parents of eligible students should submit their child's information before April 1st of the year of enrollment. Preschool teachers will be contacting all parents to schedule the screening in May or June. If your child is not accepted, we keep a waiting list and refer students to preschools in our consortium (see question 8).

3. What if I want my student to enter the preschool program after the school year has started?

- ✓ If there is an opening, your child can be [screened](#) for placement if you move into our district or if you have just learned of our program during the school year. If there is not an opening, your child will be placed on our waiting list.

4. Why is the PV Preschool Program scheduled for Monday through Thursday (No Fridays)?

- ✓ It is our philosophical belief schools and parents share the responsibility to prepare students for their K-12 education. Because of this, we work to bridge the gap between home and school. On Fridays, our teachers visit students' homes. Home visits are a wonderful opportunity for our students. The visits will last about an hour. We will bring some materials from school to show you activities we've been working on at school. Sometimes we invite you to school, so your child can show you our room and toys or materials that are too large to bring home. This is a time you can ask questions and we can talk about concerns. Our intention is to share celebrations! Also, our teachers have professional development requirements and school meetings on some Fridays.

5. Transportation

- ✓ It is our expectation you will be able to take and pick up your student. However, for students at the south end of our district, there is a shuttle bus that runs back and forth from Riverdale Heights Elementary School (2125 Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf).
- ✓ For our special education students, it is required by law that we provide door-to-door transportation for those who reside in the Pleasant Valley school district.

6. What's the day like at the PV Preschool Program?

- ✓ We have two preschool classrooms at Bridgeview Elementary. There are three certified teachers and three aides to meet all of our learner's needs.
- ✓ We have one preschool classroom at Hopewell Elementary. There are two certified teachers and one aide to meet all of our learner's needs.

Arrival: When the children arrive, they take any notes or messages out of their backpacks, and put their backpacks in their cubbies. They sign-in at the table and wash their hands before a movement activity occurs at the carpet.

Social Interaction: Children have a choice of activities during this time. They can play in the kitchen area, with blocks and vehicles, read, complete puzzles, etc. The teachers and aides work on skills like engaging in back-and-forth play and sharing materials.

Art: At this age, most art projects involve experimenting with tools and different mediums. Art activities help young children creatively express their thoughts and feelings. They help reinforce fine motor skills and concept development such as colors, shapes, and size relationships.

Circle Time: Circle time is focused on pre-literacy skills. It is a group gathering during which we share our ideas, plans, and observations. Circle time activities are designed to stimulate our young children's thinking, enrich their social skills, and expand their attention spans. We read books, engage in songs and finger plays, as well as other activities like naming pictures, sorting, or counting.

Snack: The learning continues even during snack time. Children engage in passing out water bottles, napkins, or food. We also encourage conversation.

Table Work: Table work is a variety of fine motor, cognitive, literacy, and math activities such as completing puzzles, sorting objects by color, or putting pictures in order to retell a story.

Gross Motor Time: Every day that the weather permits, we go outside to play on the playground. Gross motor activities give children the opportunity to use their muscles as well as their imaginations.

Good-bye: We sing our good-bye song and get ready for the parents to pick up the children, and walk students to the bus who may ride the bus.

We follow a regular sequence of activities each day, but don't adhere to a strict time schedule. If everyone is working hard and really enjoying an activity, we might work longer. If everyone is distracted, we may quit early and move on.

7. Where is the preschool located?

Bridgeview Elementary

316 South 12th Street

LeClaire IA 52753

563-332-0215

Hopewell Elementary

3900 Hopewell Avenue

Bettendorf IA 52722

563-332-0250

8. Why does Pleasant Valley partner with private preschool providers?

- ✓ The PVCSD preschool program partners with private providers who are located in the Pleasant Valley attendance boundaries and choose to apply the Iowa Quality Preschool Standards. We prefer to be collaborators instead of competitors with private providers in our attendance boundaries. We believe a collaborative spirit when working with not only these private providers, but also other private providers who have chosen not to apply Iowa Quality Preschool Standards, will build student's readiness skills while honoring parent choice in preparation for a positive K-12 experience.

- ✓ There are two private preschools in the Pleasant Valley attendance center who have met criteria for the [Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program](#).

[Kiddie Karrasel Academy](#) LeClaire IA 563-289-3946

[Our Savior Lutheran Church Preschool](#) Bettendorf IA 563-332-4648

- ✓ Also, we have provided the list below for parent convenience and reference as needed as you consider your child's preschool enrollment. These schools are not Statewide Voluntary Preschools.

Trinity Lutheran Church **Phone:** 563-332-5188 **Email:** tlcpreschool@trinitylcpv.com

[Red Apple](#) **Phone:** 563-332-3505 **Email:** info@redapplechildcare.com

[Hand-in-Hand](#) **Phone:** 563-332-8010

For more tips on picking a preschool for your student, check out this side -

><http://families.naeyc.org/accredited-article/good-preschool-your-child>