

2017-2018 Avondale School District GSRP Acceptance and Prioritization Process

The Great Start Readiness Program is a pre-school program for students who may be at increased risk for school difficulties. There is a process that assesses risks and places students in a priority ranking.

This is not a first come first served process, however there are timelines when lower rankings will be accepted if all applications for the most at risk have been placed. If you believe that your child may qualify, you are encouraged to apply for this program as early as possible.

New in 2017-2018

Waivers will no longer be accepted for students who do not meet the age eligibility guidelines. All students considered for the Great Start Readiness program must turn 4 years old between 9/2/2016 and 9/1/2017.

Application packets will be available **after Monday, May 8th, 2017**. You can obtain them:

- In person: Avondale Student Services office 2940 Waukegan, Auburn Hills, 48326.
- Online: <http://www.avondaleschools.org/early-childhood/readiness-program>
- Email or US Postal System: email request (including child's name, date of birth and your address) to cathy.perez@avondale.k12.mi.us

Following is the Prioritization Process that Avondale follows:

1. Students within the Avondale School District attendance area and are 4 years old by September 1, 2017 shall have preference through September 8, 2017.
2. Avondale Families with lowest incomes are placed first. Students with family incomes at 100% FPL or lower who qualify are referred to Head Start. If they prefer the Great Start Readiness Program, the parent/guardian must sign a Head Start Waiver, which Avondale will provide.
 - a. Students with incomes at or below 100% FPL may be placed as early as July 1, 2017.
 - b. Students with incomes between 101%- 200% may be placed by Mid-August if slots remain.
3. Avondale students with incomes over 250% FPL may be considered after Monday, September 8, 2017, if availability remains. Tuition rates may apply.
4. Students with school of choice siblings who qualify (under 250% FPL) will be considered beginning September 8, 2017. The student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2017 and the family must reside in Oakland County.
5. Students from neighboring districts in Oakland County may be considered for enrollment beginning Monday, September 8, 2017. The student must be 4 years old by September 1, 2017

Avondale Students with an IEP recommending inclusive placement, who are 4 years old by September 1, 2017 may be considered for placement in GSRP in consultation with the child's caseload teacher and the Director of Special Ed.

Children in foster care, homeless students and students with more risk factors will be placed first. Low income is not a necessary consideration or a requirement for these students.