

DISCIPLINE POLICY

The purpose of discipline is to help a child develop self-control and learn problem-solving techniques. As discipline requires mutual respect and trust, the atmosphere is positive, with emphasis on “what should happen” rather than on “what should not happen”

Some positive methods used are setting limits, re-directing, and problem-solving. Physical punishment is prohibited at preschool.



Nakoda Headstart program was first established in 1999, reasonably to bring culture and language back to the younger generation/community.

“First nations, metis and Inuit children recognize children as their nation’s most valuable resource. Thus, the aboriginal Head start initiative will provide comprehensive experiences for First Nations, Metis and Inuit children 0-6 years and their families with primary emphasis on preschoolers 3-5 years of age. The program will be based on caring, creativity, and pride following from the knowledge of their traditional community beliefs, within a holistic and safe environment. The overall primary goal of this initiative is to demonstrate that locally controlled and designed early intervention strategies can provide Aboriginal preschool children in urban and northern settings with a positive sense of themselves, a desire for learning and opportunities to develop fully and successfully as young people.”

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Nakoda Headstart Program is a preschool offering classes for 3- and 4-year-old children. All classes are staffed by Teacher and E. A'S. Staff are qualified in Basic First Aid and Early Learning and Child Care.

Our Classes are

Monday to Thursday

09:30 am – Noon 3year old

Noon – 2:30 pm 4year old

Please note: A child must be 3 years old by the end of September and 4 years old by December 31 to attend.

A Child must be fully potty trained

Our Program includes

- ✓ Free play
- ✓ Circle time
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Music, drama, & movement
- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ Science & cooking
- ✓ Field trips & Visitors

Preschool classes start in September, approximately one week after the community school opens. Our last day in June is approximately one week before the community school closes. All public-school holidays and 5 Staff Professional Development days are observed.

FEEES

There are **NO** fees payable

TRANSPORTATION

The Nakoda Headstart Program will provide transportation.

VOLUNTEERING

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to volunteer as classroom helpers. On these days your child will be "Special Helper" for the day.

Parent and Guardian volunteers are also encouraged and required for field trips.

FIRST NATIONS HEADSTART STANDARDS

We follow the Aboriginal Headstart Program standards as prescribed by Health Canada

SIX COMPONENTS OF HEADSTART

- ✓ Parental Involvement
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Health Promotion
- ✓ Social Support
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Language and Culture/Traditions

OPERATING PHILOSOPHY

The fundamental philosophy that governs the preschool operation and program development are

"ALL CHILDREN ARE UNIQUE"

Children are unique individuals and bring with them their own experiences, skills, and needs. It is imperative that each child is treated as an individual, coupled with respect, love and genuine care.

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

To each individual child the specific skill sets that will provide an excellent foundation for all future education:

- ✓ To grow in independence
- ✓ To develop personal and social awareness
- ✓ Develop self-regulations
- ✓ Develop physical co-ordination
- ✓ Foster motivation for learning
- ✓ Provide for growth in vocabulary and fluency in communication
- ✓ Foster creativity and imaginative expressions

To encourage and help the child develop a positive self-concept and awareness to further their overall early learning childhood developmental needs, experiences and milestones.