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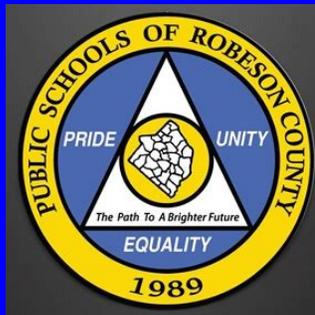
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You are a Bright
Shining Star
Make Today
AMAZING
And let your Light
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Public Schools of Robeson County Shining Stars Preschool

Educating the Whole Child



5 Star Rated Center



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About Shining Stars

Shining Stars Preschool is a collaborative effort between the Public Schools of Robeson County, North Carolina Pre-kindergarten Program and Exceptional Children's Program. Services are provided for children ages 3-5 in an inclusive setting. Shining Stars is nationally accredited and holds a five-star license from the Division of Child Development.

Our Program offers enrichment and educational activities similar to other inclusive preschools; in addition, Shining Stars provides therapeutic services and a strong family and community involvement component. Special Education Instruction is provided by teachers licensed by the state of North Carolina. Identified exceptional children receive their services in the inclusive setting. Related services (i.e. speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, hearing impaired therapy and visually impaired therapy) are offered at our two sites as well as various centers and homes throughout our county.

Our Programs strongly encourage and reinforce self-esteem, self-control and self-respect as well as implementing many quality activities that positively influence growth in a child's physical, mental, emotional and social skills with caring and dedicated staff members.



5 Star Rated Center

The North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (NCDCDEE) issues star rated license to child care centers and homes that are eligible. The star rating is based on two factors: program standards and staff education.



NAEYC strives to raise the quality of education for all children from birth through age eight. Accreditation systems are major part of NAEYC's efforts to improve early childhood education; they allow programs to provide the best learning experiences for young children and their educators by meeting national standards of quality. Ensuring the quality of children's daily experiences in early childhood programs and promoting positive child outcomes is the goal of the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria.

- Standard 1: Relationships
- Standard 2: Curriculum
- Standard 3: Teaching
- Standard 4: Assessment of Child Progress
- Standard 5: Health
- Standard 6: Teachers
- Standard 7: Families
- Standard 8: Community Relationships
- Standard 9: Physical Environment
- Standard 10: Leadership and Management

Why Does the Five Star Rating Matter?

The early years of your child's life are the most important. Having positive experiences and interactions at this time are crucial for their development. The more time that they spend learning and playing in a stable, nurturing environment during their early years will set the path for their lifelong development and behavior patterns into a good direction.

For these reasons, the NCDCDEE developed the rating system so that you and parents like you can make informed decisions about your child's preschool or child care. A five star rating shows not only compliance with state regulations, but a commitment to quality child care and early development.

Health and Safety

Both of our preschools are visited annually to ensure that the program and facilities are in compliance with state child care regulations.

These inspections, maintained by the NCDCDEE, include health and safety regulations, as well as a sanitation report for which both our locations consistently receive "Superior" classifications.

Foundations

The North Carolina Foundations for Early Learning and Development, a common set of Goals and Developmental Indicators for children beginning at birth, is a shared vision for what children should learn before they enter kindergarten. Research shows that children who experience high-quality care and education, and who enter school well prepared, are more successful in school and later in their lives.

Parents, educators, administrators, and policy makers working together can provide experiences that help children be well prepared for success in school and life.

Foundations spans birth to age 5 and includes goals, developmental indicators, and strategies in five developmental domains:

- Approaches to Play and Learning
- Emotional and Social Development
- Health and Physical Development
- Language Development and Communication
- Cognitive Development