



**MARION
INDEPENDENT**

2026– 2027 PRESCHOOL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Age Requirements & Full/Half Day Options

The Statewide Voluntary Four-Year-Old Preschool Program provides opportunities for Iowa children to attend quality preschool. Children who are age **four by September 15, 2026** are eligible to attend our preschool program. Children who are age five by September 15, 2026 should register for kindergarten and are not eligible for MISD preschool. The Marion Preschool program is housed at both Longfellow Elementary and Parkview Elementary Schools.

State funding provides for a partial-day program, but the full-day program does have a fee.

Why are we charging for full day?

At this time, our preschool budget is not able to support this program without additional funds. The state provides partial funding (0.5) for preschool students, which is why our half-day programs are offered at no cost. Rather than reducing programs or staff, this approach allows us to continue offering the high-quality preschool experience families expect while remaining fiscally responsible.



Preschool Information
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"The teachers were exceptional, the structure was thoughtful, and we saw incredible growth in our daughter both academically and socially. We're so grateful for the experience and are excited to have our second daughter attend next year!"

— Jennifer and Kirby, Parents



Preschool Costs

Full-Day program tuition will be \$350/month for nine months total (September–May and must be paid before the first of the month. Failure to pay your child's tuition will result in your child not being able to continue attending the Full Day program. If a spot in our Half Day program is available, your child will be placed in the Half Day program. Questions regarding tuition payment can be directed to

Julie Klawiter, MISD Business Manager. — jklawiter@marion-isd.org



Own Your Future.

Session Times

Sessions MISD will be offering for the 2026-27 school year:

- AM Class (8:20-10:50 AM) *Free of charge*
- PM Class (12:50-3:20 PM) *Free of charge*
- Full Day (8:20 AM-3:20 PM, MISD resident students will be placed first)
\$350/month tuition fee (\$210/month reduced rate for income eligible students)

*Note: MISD does not provide before/after childcare for preschool students. Hand in Hand and Apple Kids both partner with MISD to provide fee-based before and after school childcare. Hand in Hand provides care at the school attendance center, while Apple Kids provides transportation between the MISD attendance center and their childcare center. For more information about before/after childcare, please contact Hand in Hand or Apple Kids directly.

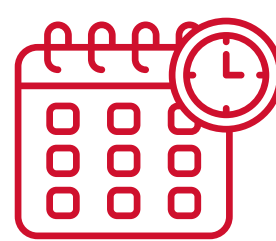
Free or Reduced Costs

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch will have a reduced monthly tuition of \$210/month.

Free/Reduced Lunch applications are available from any MISD secretary or on our district website (<https://www.marion-isd.org/page/free-reduced-application-information>).

Head Start Partnership

The district once again anticipates a partnership with the Marion Head Start Program for some spots in our full day program. This program offers financial assistance to full day students who qualify based on income. Please visit this link (<https://www.hacap.org/children>) prior to applying to learn more about the Head Start Program to see if you qualify. There is a question in the application asking if you are interested in being contacted by a Head Start representative. If you are interested, please mark that question accordingly.



The Process & Dates to Remember

The application process for Marion Preschool for the 2026-27 school year will begin at noon on Friday, February 13th. At that time, a Google Form will go live on our district website and you will be able to apply for our program.

Where to find the form:

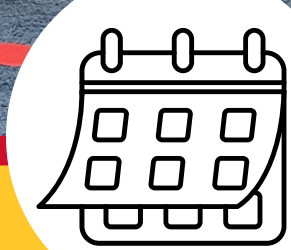
www.marion-isd.org/page/enrolling-your-child
→ [Preschool SignUp for 2026-2027](#).

Students will be assigned a placement in this order:

1. Marion ISD resident students in order received.
2. Siblings of open enrolled K-12 Marion ISD students in order received.
3. Remaining applications in order received.

Families will be contacted via email on Friday, March 27th of their child's preschool placement. If you apply after this date, you will be placed on our waiting list to get into our program and contacted when a spot opens up. Families who receive placement into the Full Day program will have 30 days following placement notification to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit to secure their child's placement. That deposit will be applied towards September's tuition amount.

For questions or more information about preschool enrollment or programs, contact Longfellow Elementary at 319-377-0183 (Principal **Nicole Harmer**: nharmer@marion-isd.org) or Parkview Elementary at 319-377-4698 (Principal **Chad Zrudsky**: czrudsky@marion-isd.org).



Save the Date!

Preschool Information Night, will be held on February 5th, 2026 from 5:30-6:00 at both Longfellow and Parkview Elementary Schools.