First Step is an optional program that provides early childhood instruction for 4 and 5 year old children. It is a state- and federally-funded program offered by Newport News Public Schools. The goal of the program is to give students an early start in education.

This does not apply to students currently enrolled in First Step.

Please see back of flyer for details.

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Eligibility requirements for the program:
- Live in Newport News
- Born between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016
- Meet state requirements for eligibility (e.g. income, parent education...)
- Have up-to-date immunizations

About the First Step Program:
- The program is free and all classrooms provide the same curriculum.
- Children are assigned to a school based on the home address of the child’s parent/legal guardian.
- 18 students are assigned to each class which is taught by a certified teacher with an instructional assistant.
- Parent participation is expected. Workshops and activities for parents are an important part of the program.
- Transportation is provided. Bus stops at day care providers may be available if the location is within the assigned school zone.

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Head Start is an additional option for your preschooler.

Head Start is operated by Hampton Roads Community Action Program, Inc.
- The program is free and all centers provide the same full-day program
- Provides services for children with disabilities
- Comprehensive services include medical, dental, and nutritional services, parent support for education, employment, etc.
- Transportation MAY be provided

Eligibility Requirements for Head Start:
- Live in Newport News
- Child must be at least 3 years old by September 30, 2020
- Provide proof of income, age and residency

Application Appointments will be available beginning February 10, 2020
- Southeastern Newport News • (757) 247-0149
  A Child’s World • 600 Ridley Circle • Newport News, VA
- Northeastern Newport News • (757) 833-7700
  Robert D. Ayers Center • 14537 Deloice Crescent • Newport News, VA

Visit www.hrcapinc.org for more information on Head Start.

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