

## WHAT IS PASS?

**PASS** is a preschool program for 3-5 year old children and their parents. The program is available in the Dakota, Freeport, Orangeville, Pearl City School Districts, as well as classroom sites at Amity and YMCA Children's Center. All classrooms meet 5 days per week. **PASS** offers classroom-based instruction at no charge.

All **PASS** Classrooms provide nutritious snacks. *Transportation is provided by your school districts for the school district sites.* Daily activity choices are designed to help each child develop readiness for Kindergarten.

The **PASS Parent Educators** are available to provide you with home visits, at-home activities, and parent workshops at your request.



## WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND PASS?

The **PASS** program is based on the premise that young children learn best by doing; their play is their work. They are active learners who need to explore, discover, and develop their ideas through direct and immediate contact with objects, people, and events. Classrooms are arranged to provide play choices based on each child's current developmental level and interest.

The **PASS** program also supports the parent as the child's first teacher. Instruction is individualized, and teachers and parents form strong partnerships as they cooperatively plan for the child's successful entrance into Kindergarten.

## HOW CAN I ENROLL MY CHILD IN PASS?

Eligibility is determined after a child has participated in a developmental screening and the parent has completed a family profile form. Children will be considered for enrollment in **PASS** with first priority given to those who are determined to have the greatest need.

## WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO DO IF MY CHILD IS ENROLLED IN THE PASS PROGRAM:

Parents are expected to be active participants in their child's program and must agree to comply with the following criteria:

1. Complete Family Profile Form.
2. Obtain current physical, immunization records, and lead poisoning screening test for the child.
3. Provide the child's original birth certificate and we will make a copy.
4. Complete the school emergency records and other forms as needed.
5. Participate in the program a minimum of six (6) times throughout the school year. Parents must agree to attend two (2) workshops and/or child/parent events (per Parent Involvement Contract).

The parent involvement component includes opportunities for parents to be an integral part of their child's education. They are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, participate in workshops or parent/child events, and contact the Parent Educators for any special requests.

**PASS: A LINK IN THE  
NETWORK OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

**PASS** is a program that networks with other Stephenson county services for children and families. Program staff strive to be a strong link between the home, school and community by providing resources and referrals to all clients. Trained staff are also available to counsel with parents in regard to specific family needs for community or school referrals.

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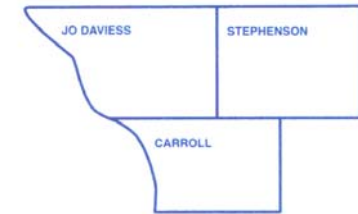
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