



**Torrence Preschool**  
**“Keokuk’s Littlest Chiefs”**  
**1721 Fulton St. Keokuk, Iowa**  
**319-524-1953**  
**Keokuk Community School District**

Keokuk Community School District’s **free** public early childhood program, Torrence Preschool, is located at 1721 Fulton Street. We are a premier preschool program certified by the state. Our teachers are licensed by the Iowa Department of Education with Early Childhood Endorsements. Our curriculum provides an environment rich in: reading, mathematics, literacy, science, social studies, arts, social-emotional, and physical development. Teachers work closely with the Kindergarten team to make the transition to kindergarten successful. This provides students with a foundation for future educational success in kindergarten and beyond.

- ★ All children that register for Torrence Preschool will receive a confirmation letter stating that the child has or has not been accepted into the program. If you have not received a letter by the district-wide registration time, please contact us.
  
- ★ Registration:
  - All participants still need to attend the district-wide registration on August 4th, to confirm your placement in the preschool program. **Birth certificates, immunizations, and a health assessment by a physician are required (a summary of your child’s current 3 or 4 year old well child visit will suffice) to qualify for preschool. Please bring these with you to the registration in August.** Information will be advertised in the media regarding time, date, and location of the August registration. Remember to bring your username and password in August to registration in order to sign in to your parent portal account and complete the e-Registration process.
  
- ★ Preschool Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (AM only), Thursday & Friday  
Morning Class= 8:00-11:00 AM  
Afternoon Class= 12:00-3:00 PM  
On Wednesday, there is AM only preschool, there is no PM preschool on Wednesday. Teachers use this time to collaborate to enhance your child’s education.
  
- ★ Fall Open House: Friday, September 1st
  - The morning class may come for a visit anytime from 8:00-11:00 AM.

- The afternoon class may come for a visit anytime from 12:00-3:00 PM.
  - Open house is a time for you to come with your child to visit the classroom. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have before school starts. You and your child will be able to see how the classroom is set up as well as where your child will keep their things. This will help your child to transition, when you bring them to their first day of preschool.
- ★ First Day: Tuesday, September 5th
- Parents and family members may exit and enter via the school entrance on 17th Street. The doors on 17th Street will be locked until 15 minutes before school starts 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM. At 8:10 AM and 12:10 PM the doors will be locked and remain locked until dismissal, for security purposes. If you need to enter the school at any other time you must enter via 18th Street.
- ★ Transportation:
- We do not provide transportation to or from school. The following daycares have agreed to provide transportation for children that pay to attend their program before OR after attending Torrence Preschool. Please contact them for additional information.
    - Nana's Daycare - 319-313-9070
    - Rosie Posie - 319-524-2378, ask for Whitney (AM only)
    - Inertia - 319-524-5060, ask for Sarah
- ★ Staff:
- Mrs. Nicole Nemecek- Principal of Torrence Preschool & George Washington
  - Ms. Betty Ralph - Preschool Teacher
  - Mrs. Amy Pihl - Preschool Teacher
  - Mrs. Lori Brewer - Early Childhood Special Education Preschool Teacher

This is a very important time in your child's life and we are here to help you and your family have a wonderful beginning to your child's educational journey. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions that you may have.

Thank you,  
Nicole Nemecek, Principal  
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