

IOWA QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

The Northeast Community School District Preschool follows the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards. More information regarding these standards can be found online at the Iowa Department of Education Website:

http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=681&Itemid=1571

A summary of the activities the district has conducted to implement the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards and Criteria are listed below.

1. Assembled a team
Northeast has an early childhood team that consists of the preschool teachers and associates, the elementary principal, the early childhood consultant and the speech and language pathologist.
2. Completed the self assessment
Northeast completed the initial self assessment in 2010-2011.
3. Established priorities
Priorities were established in 2010-2011 to address any areas of deficit.
4. Developed a quality improvement plan
The improvement plan included areas of staff professional development, communication with parents, playground updates, and compliance with all health and safety regulations.
5. Verified and maintain continuous program quality
The early childhood team has continued to meet during the 2011-2012 school year to review the self-assessment and improvement plan. Monthly meetings have been held to review essential documents in preparation for the site visit as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Site Visit Documents</u>	<u>IQPPS Sections</u>
October	Required Criteria	1 & 2
November	Child and Staff Files	3 & 4
December	Facility and Observation	5 & 6

January	Classroom Portfolio	7 & 8
February	Program Portfolio	9 & 10
March	Visit on 20 th and 21 st	

In addition, professional development has been provided to the preschool staff in the area of early childhood education, autism and speech and language.