

Program Objectives

- Improve the education of children and adults.
- Integrate early childhood education and adult education for parents.
- Facilitate access to community services and resources.
- Empower families as advocates for their children.
- Build partnerships between schools and families.
- Develop a foundation for future learning and school success.

Bowling Green City Schools Even Start Program

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*English Instruction
Early Childhood Education
Parent & Child Activities
Adult Education*

About Even Start

The Even Start Family Literacy Program strives to improve educational opportunities of families by providing early childhood education, GED classes, or language classes, and parent education. The program is designed to build on existing community resources to create a range of opportunities to meet the needs of each family enrolled.

Who is Eligible?

Families who live in the Bowling Green City School District.

Parents or guardians of children under eight who need a GED or who need to learn English as a second language.

Teen parents who are not enrolled in a compulsory education program may also qualify.



Services Provided by Even Start

Early Childhood Education

Children will be involved in educational activities that enhance and encourage appropriate development in five developmental areas including:

- Language Development
- Cognitive Development
- Motor Coordination
- Social Skills
- Independent Living

These services may be provided in center-based preschool programs, school based programs, or home-based programs.

Adult Literacy Training

The adult literacy program will assist individuals needing to work toward a G.E.D. For families needing to learn English as a second language, the program will help parents achieve fluency. Programs will be designed to meet the needs of working families by providing convenient class times based on the family's work schedule, as well as assisting with child care and transportation.

Parent Education

Parents will participate in ongoing education which will provide information of interest to families. Topics may include discipline, child development, and health issues, as well as topics such as homeownership, car purchases, and finding community resources.

Parent & Child Time

Joint parent and child time will be provided to strengthen families' opportunities to interact with and impact their child's development. Activities will include reading, storytelling, art activities, music, food preparation, and field trips. Parent educators will work closely with school personnel to provide a continuity between the classroom and parent & child activities.

Continuous Services

Even Start services will be provided on a year-round basis in accordance with the Bowling Green City Schools calendar. Resource materials are continually available, as well as bilingual assistance for families needing translation services.

