



# The Northbridge Public Schools

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### **Northbridge Elementary School Seeks NAEYC Accreditation**

As a result of this year's reconfiguration of schools, Northbridge Elementary School consisting of preschool through first grade students will seek NAEYC accreditation for the preschool and kindergarten programs. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has developed ten standards for early childhood programs, which can help parents and families make the right choice when they are looking for a child care center, preschool, or kindergarten. These standards include: relationships, curriculum, teaching, assessment of child progress, health, teachers, families, community relationships, physical environment, and leadership and management. More than 400 related criteria are contained within these standards. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, programs must meet all ten standards, by successfully performing at least 80 percent of the criteria related to each standard.

Obtaining accreditation is a 2 year process which contains 4 steps: 1) enrollment/self -study, 2) application/self-assessment, 3) candidacy, and 4) meeting/maintaining the standards. Through meaningful collaboration, data collection, and parent/community involvement seeking accreditation will ensure high quality programming for all students.

Northbridge Elementary School contains 4 preschool and 10 kindergarten classrooms. Teachers are enthusiastic and looking forward to working together on this initiative. With the process including teamwork and strong communication this experience will provide on the job professional development for all involved.

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