

WEST RIVER HEAD START PROGRAM

West River Head Start (WRHS) operates 11 classrooms in 7 centers serving 168 children and families in Morton, Grant, Oliver and Mercer Counties in west-central North Dakota. Beulah, Carson, Elgin, Hazen, Hebron and New Salem centers are each a single classroom located within the public elementary school. Mandan's center has 5 classrooms and is in a stand-alone center.

All 11 classrooms are center-based and offer both full-day and half-day options. Half-day option is defined as starting in the morning as per the local school start-time and the child is dismissed at 1:00. Full-day option follows a full public school day (typically 8:15 a.m. to 3:15p.m.) The centers follow their local public school start and end time. If a child does not qualify for full-day attendance, the child is then dismissed at 1:00 p.m. 10 of the 11 local public school districts offer public school transportation to children enrolled in West River Head Start.

Elgin and Carson (both Grant County centers) also have a Title I partnership and we currently serve 2 children through a formal agreement with the Grant County Public Schools.

Hebron, Elgin, Carson and New Salem double as the local preschool special needs classrooms and may serve additional children enrolled in special education but not in Head Start. At this time, all children are enrolled in Head Start or Title I.

West River Head Start began the school year serving 37 children with identified special education needs. The Head Start Act of 2007 mandates a 10% enrollment requirement and WRHS exceeds that requirement with 22%.

WRHS has no combination options nor home based options as parents have not requested either of those options.