

STATE EDUCATION BOARD APPROVES SIX GRANTS FOR NEW, EXPANDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

The State Board of Education on June 10 approved more than \$1 million for six new or expanded early childhood education programs.

The grants will allow Nebraska schools to create programs for about 260 at-risk three- and four-year old children.

These grants will improve educational equity across the state by providing increased access to early childhood education prekindergarten programs. Children are served in inclusive environments to better prepare them to enter school and to succeed.

Grants were approved for:

- Diller-Odell Public Schools, \$125,000
- Educational Service Unit 5 for Deshler Public Schools and Thayer Central Schools, \$250,000
- Gibbon Public Schools, \$75,000
- Grand Island Public Schools, \$375,000
- Lincoln Public Schools, \$186,000
- Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, \$75,000

Additional information about early childhood education in Nebraska is available at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ECH/ECH.html>.