

RIVERVIEW GARDENS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWS RELEASE

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**State Renews Accreditation to
Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center**

The Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) recently achieved the recognition of excellence through Missouri Accreditation. The ECEC has earned the status of accreditation at each of the last three formal on-site reviews by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth, which occurred in 2003, 2006 and May 2009.

The center also received the renewal of its licensing by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services after a recent review.

“Earning the distinction of accreditation and licensing reflects the high-quality, nurturing programs we offer to our youngest learners,” said Chris Kulla-Branz, director of the Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center. “We have wonderful teachers, assistants and support staff who consistently provide our children with hands-on activities and experiences that help them learn the early foundations of reading, writing, math and science and social studies.

“Our programs are helping children learn how to solve problems and make choices, develop social skills and a positive self image, as well as improve language skills and vocabulary.”

The Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center, located at 1111 St. Cyr Road in Bellefontaine Neighbors, serves approximately 133 children ages 3 to 5 years old in its preschool program, as well as several children in its infant and toddler program. The center offers both half-day and full-day programs, as well as before- and after-school care.

For more information about programs offered by the Riverview Gardens Early Childhood Education Center, call 869-3211, ext. 1810.

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