

# IMPACT STORY

## Greenbush Consortium

Iola USD 257



### TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

**Fall 2018**

Identify need of preschool access for children.

**Fall 2019**

Receive Kansas  
Preschool Project  
funding.

**Spring 2019**

Brainstorm with early childhood teachers.

**2021**

Continue funding  
for early childhood  
programming.

#### CURRENT LiNK IMPACT

Iola educators identified a need to provide more preschool opportunities and EQUAL access for the care and education of 4-year-old students in the community.

The goal is to close the children's learning gaps before they enter kindergarten.

Since fall of 2019, Iola USD 257 is able to provide free preschool to all 4-year-old community children. Enrollment continues to grow and the impact of early literacy continues to be evident as the students enter kindergarten.

During the 2020-2021 school year, 94 preschool children were in the 4-year-old program, and five teachers collaborated to provide equal learning opportunities for all students. The district and LiNK funds provide classrooms with learning materials and play-based resources.



*Iola preschoolers are ready to learn!*

#### FUTURE LITERACY IMPACT

Iola administrators and educators plan to continue the collaboration between their five preschool teachers in order to serve the needs of all students.

These early learning opportunities are provided by quality, licensed and certified staff. Funding for resources through LiNK, and from the Kansas Preschool Pilot, will continue to give equal learning access to all early learners in the community.

Iola USD 257 provides free preschool access to all children in the community. The district, with assistance from LiNK funds, has new resources supporting communication and literacy in play-based settings.

