

## **CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Louisiana Department of Education –LDOE, developed a unified Early Childhood system of local networks, which was directed by Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. When fully implemented in 2015-2016, the networks will expand access to high quality, publicly-funded early childhood programs to families across Louisiana to ensure more children enter school kindergarten ready. Therefore the City of Natchitoches has set in place an Early Childhood Education & Development-ECED, program for \*Type III childcare facilities in Natchitoches Parish. The City of Natchitoches will be working with contracted Type III Childcare directors, teachers, students, and the Natchitoches Parish School Board to ensure children between the ages of birth and five years old become Kindergarten ready.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

As a community we will prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning. This will require creating learning environments that are centered around students. Offering students well supported teachers, appropriate academic activities and resources for all of our early childcare facilities.

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