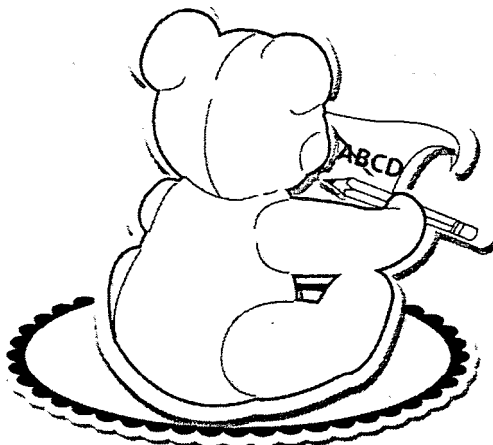
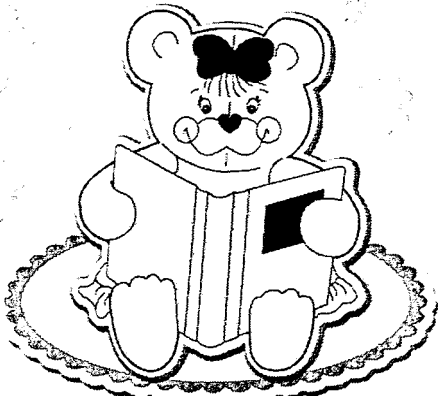


Preschool ESE & Support Services

The School Board of Broward County is committed to providing exceptional education students a free, appropriate public school education in accordance with federal, state and local mandates. In keeping with this philosophy, the Broward County Public Schools:

- Provide exceptional education students with an appropriate Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Encourage the participation of parents in the educational process.
- Ensure that every exceptional education student and family is given the right to due process and equal protection under the law.
- Provide ongoing teacher and parent training activities.

The preschool years are very important. These are the years in which a child learns to explore, to communicate with others and to move through the world independently. The task of learning to function effectively in the world is a natural process for most children. However, for some preschoolers, a helping hand may be needed. Early intervention provides opportunities, which maximize the strengths of each child. The School Board of Broward County has developed a number of programs for preschoolers with special needs:



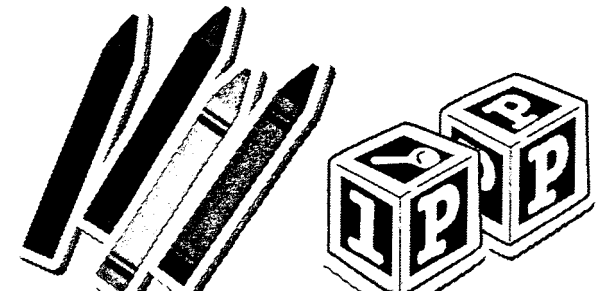
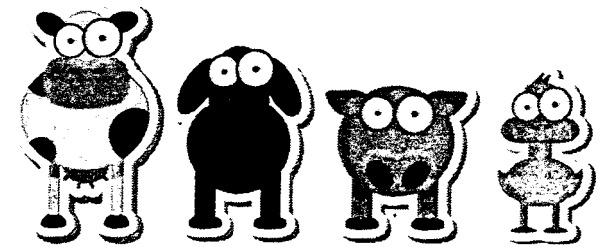
- Part time Speech and Language Program: Depending on the student's IEP, the amount of services vary, as well as the location.
- Specialized Preschool Program: Language based program, emphasizing problem solving and mathematics, readiness skills, pre-writing, independent functioning skills, social skills, expressive and receptive language development. The students follow a daily schedule similar to schedules followed in typical preschool programs.
- Intensive Preschool Program: Educational program focuses on cognitive, social-emotional, adaptive, behavioral, motor, and communication skill development within a relationship-based environment. Each child is provided with choices, challenges, and opportunities that nurture feelings of competence, promote intellectual growth, and enable each child to achieve his or her potential.
- Integrated Preschool Program: Preschoolers with special needs are educated in a general education environment with typical peers and role models.

RELATED SERVICES

The following services are also available to eligible preschool children under the following conditions:

Occupational Therapy is available to preschool students with special needs needing treatment to support their IEP goals. The need for treatment is based upon state and local criteria and evaluation by a licensed Occupational Therapist. Occupational Therapists utilize therapeutic activities to improve fine, and visual motor skills, self-help skills, and play skills.

Physical Therapy is available to preschool students with special needs. If the child demonstrates an inability to access the educational environment due to a medical diagnosis, a developmental delay, or a physical impairment, then a licensed Physical Therapist may evaluate the student to determine the need for intervention. The Physical Therapist works with the ESE staff to support the IEP goals, and utilizes therapeutic activities to improve the child's gross motor and functional mobility skills for improved accessibility at school.



THE ROAD THROUGH **Child Find**

**Referral to
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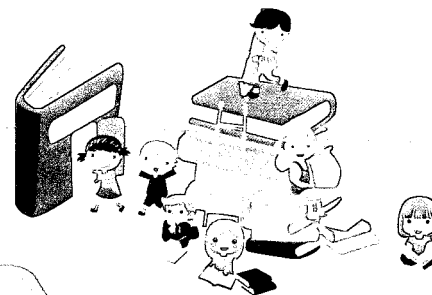


**Child Find
contacts family**



**Screening/evaluation
appointment scheduled**

**Referral to
community agencies
as needed**



**Screening indicates
that child does not
need further testing**



**Screening
indicates child
needs further
evaluation**

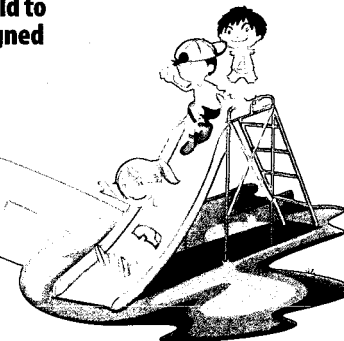
**Preschool
evaluation is completed**

**Parent attends
staffing meeting
to discuss child's evaluation
results and determine the
need for services**



**Child qualifies for
Exceptional Student
Education Services**

**Parent
registers child to
attend assigned
school**



**Child is not eligible for
Exceptional Student
Education Services**



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