

Early Childhood Special Education

A service provided by the Gwinnett County Public School System

WHO QUALIFIES?

Any preschool child, 3, 4, or 5 years old, who is found eligible because they show:

• Developmental delays	• Attention or behavior problems
• Speech and/or language difficulties	• Hearing or vision impairments
• Physical or medical disabilities	

Eligibility is determined through an evaluation by a team of specialists with input from the parents.

WHAT IS THE GWINNETT COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM?

A program designed with the developmental stages of the young child in mind, we offer a play-based curriculum through which the child's learning goals - the Individual Education Program (IEP)-can be addressed.

Our goal is to lead and support the education of young children, in partnership with families, and to provide each child with special needs a rich and challenging educational experience.

WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Special Education Preschool Services are provided at a variety of locations throughout Gwinnett County. Based on your child's needs, IEPs may be addressed:

• In your child's current preschool or day care center	• In a preschool or day care center working with GCPS
• In your home	• In a classroom housed within a Gwinnett County School

THESE PLACEMENTS MAY BE SUPPORTED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

• Parent training programs	• Occupational therapy
• Speech/language therapy	• Vision and hearing services
• Physical therapy	• Transportation
• Other services as needed	

There is no fee for any service offered.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL?

Call now if you think your child may need our services.
Children who qualify may be served as early as their third birthday.



WHY ARE SERVICES OFFERED?

Because we believe:

• All children have the potential to learn and succeed	• Success is best fostered by close collaboration between families and educators
• A "team" approach promotes development in all areas of a child's life	• Early intervention does make a difference

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SERVICES?

To receive additional information, contact our parent referral line: **(678) 301-7244**
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

<https://gcpsk12.org/earlychildhood-specialeducation>



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