

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM

WHO TO CONTACT

Please contact the Fairfield County Educational Service Center at 740.653.3193 to schedule your child's screening. If a disability is suspected, written permission to complete a multi-factored evaluation will then be required.

Evaluations are conducted by a team from Early Childhood Education consisting of Special Education Teachers, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Preschool Psychologists.

DESCRIPTION OF EVALUATION

Children with suspected disabilities will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Adaptive behavior (independent functioning, self-help, personal, and social responsibility)
- Cognitive
- Communication
- Hearing
- Pre-academic skills
- Sensory-motor functioning
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral functioning
- Vision
- Background information (developmental, medical, etc., as appropriate)

Evaluations include the following:

- Observations in a variety of settings
- Interviews with parents/guardians
- Criterion-referenced measures (developmental scales)
- Norm-referenced assessments

Child must be at least three years of age, and not six years of age, by the kindergarten cut-off date for your school district [August 1].

The child must have a documented deficit in one or more of the following areas of development:

- Communication
- Sensory-motor
- Social/Emotional/Behavioral
- Cognitive
- Adaptive
- Hearing/Vision

A documented deficit is determined by a score of two (2) standard deviations below the mean in one area or scores of one and one-half (1.5) standard deviations in two or more areas of development. The deficit must have an adverse effect on the child's development and functioning.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

CENTER-BASED CLASSROOMS

- Maximum of eight (8) children with special needs per classroom with up to four typically developing children
- Special education teacher and assistant
- Related services may include the following:
 - Speech-language pathology
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Orientation and mobility
 - Transportation

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- Service delivery in the home or at other preschool sites; e.g., Head Start
- One hour per week
- Special education teacher
- Speech-language pathologist, occupational and/or physical therapist

LEARNING STEPS PRESCHOOL THREE (3) LOCATIONS

Early Childhood Center

1592 Granville Pike
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
740.654.2061

- Serving Amanda-Clearcreek, Bloom-Carroll, Fairfield Union, Liberty Union-Thurston, and Walnut Township Local School Districts
- Four classrooms
- 4 Full days – Monday through Thursday
- 2 Full days – Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs
- 8:45 AM – 2:45 PM

Diley Middle School - Annex

750 Preston Trails Drive
Pickerington, Ohio 43147
614.833.2120

- Serving Pickerington Local School District
- Four classrooms
- 4 Half days - Monday through Thursday
- 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM or 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Liberty Union-Thurston Elementary School

1000 South Main Street
Baltimore, Ohio 43105
740.862.4143

- Serving Amanda-Clearcreek, Bloom-Carroll, Fairfield Union, Liberty Union-Thurston, and Walnut Township Local School Districts
- One classroom
- 4 Full days - Monday through Thursday
- 2 Full days – Mon & Wed or Tues & Thurs
- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM