

CHILDREN SERVED

Any child residing in the District, who is between the ages of three and five, may be referred for an assessment to determine special education eligibility. The referral can be made by the parents, Regional Center, community programs, or physicians.

Once the preschool assessment team has received parent consent, a group of specialists completes a comprehensive assessment of the child in the area(s) of suspected disability.

Assessment results are discussed and eligibility is determined at an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team meeting attended by parents, teachers, and other specialists. If a child is found eligible for special education services, a variety of service delivery options will be discussed and the team will determine services and placement.

Special education eligibility categories include:

- Hearing impairment
- Vision impairment
- Hearing and vision impairment
- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- Speech and language impairment
- Emotional disturbance
- Traumatic brain injury
- Specific learning disability
- Orthopedic impairment
- Other health impairment
- Established medical disability
- Multiple disability

PROGRAM STAFF

Wiseburn staff servicing preschool children with special needs may include early childhood special education teachers, early childhood general education teachers, special and general education paraprofessionals, speech and language pathologists, school psychologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, BCBA's, itinerant low incidence specialists, and nurses.

HOURS AND LOCATION

- Monday through Friday 8:00-11:30
- Located at the Child Development Center on the campus of Cabrillo Elementary School:
5309 West 135th Street
Hawthorne, California 90250
(310) 725-5400

QUESTIONS?

For further information about the preschool special education programs and services, or if you would like to make a referral, visit the school office of Cabrillo or Anza Elementary Schools or call the Psychological and Child Services Administrative Secretary at:

(310) 725-2101, ext. 5301

WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Department of Psychological and Child Services



Early Childhood Special Education Services



A description of services provided by Special Education

Psychological and Child Services
Wiseburn Unified School District
201 N. Douglas Street
El Segundo, CA 90245

(310) 725-2101

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Children attending preschool engage in opportunities to learn classroom routines and practice social, play, language, and pre-academic skills. Child Development Center (CDC) preschool classrooms in Wiseburn offer motivating learning environments taught by credentialed teachers and trained staff that follows an established curriculum.

The learning environment at the CDC is carefully designed to promote children's practice and acquisition in language, cognitive, play, social, and adaptive skills. Whether in the classroom or in the different playground areas, children are presented with opportunities to further the development of skills essential for successful school transition.

The CDC implements the Preschool Learning Foundations, a California adopted framework designed to promote developmentally appropriate learning. Additionally, components of Bloom's Taxonomy and the Creative Curriculum complement daily lessons.

Within the preschool setting, language and social skills development are facilitated through play skills. An important aspect of the instructional environment at the CDC, play opportunities are created to encourage verbal exchanges, socialization, exploration, imagination, and problem solving.

At the CDC we believe the partnership with the home is essential in the child's development. Weekly classroom calendars and monthly newsletters facilitate and support communication between home and school.



PURPOSE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

The purpose of early childhood special education is to provide 3, 4, and 5 year olds, who meet eligibility criteria and have not yet started kindergarten, with special education services to address identified areas of unique need.

Following Federal laws and State guidelines, as established in California Education Code 56440, Wiseburn Unified School District offers programs and services for preschoolers with a variety of special needs. Many of the programs are offered at the Child Development Center, while others may be located at specialized preschools in one of our Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) partner districts.

Early intervention programs for children ages three to five with special needs are unique and individually designed by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. The IEP team includes a group of specialists, staff, and parents.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Once programs and services for children with special needs are agreed upon by the IEP team and parent has consented to the IEP, children start receiving special education preschool services. Services may be provided in a classroom setting. Some of Wiseburn CDC programs and services include:

- Specially designed instruction in co-teaching classrooms staffed with early childhood education teachers, special education early childhood teachers, and trained paraprofessionals
- Collaborative classrooms with District preschool programs
- Play and social skills groups
- Intensive structured teaching groups
- Facilitated outdoor play groups
- Speech and language therapy
- Phonological groups
- Occupational therapy

Through services, children work in the development of skills in areas of delay, such as language, cognitive, motor, adaptive behavior, and social-emotional. Parents are essential in supporting their children's progress at home, and specialists share information, resources, and strategies to implement at home.

