Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Special Education services are provided at no cost as part of the continuum of special education programs for children with identified disabilities from ages two through twenty one. Early Childhood Special Education services focus upon addressing the needs of preschoolers who are experiencing significant delays in development.

Delays in development may occur in the following areas:

- Speech/language
- Motor and Physical
- Emotional and Social
- Cognitive
- Hearing, Vision and/or Health



To determine whether or not a child is eligible for special education services, it may be necessary to complete a comprehensive developmental assessment. The impact of the suspected delays on the child's ability to perform activities typical for their age group will be considered.

If you suspect your child has a disability or you have concerns about his/her development, please speak to your child's teacher to make a referral.

For more information, please contact Preschool Reception and Diagnostic Services at (804) 780-8058 or send us an email to preschool@rvaschools.net