

Preschool Screening & Registration

All children interested in enrolling in any of Gateway's Integrated Preschool Programs must participate in preschool screenings as part of the registration process to be considered for a peer partner slot.



Screenings include a brief check of skills in the following areas: fine/gross motor, speech and language, and preschool readiness skills. In addition parents are asked to fill out a questionnaire and registration form; no additional paperwork is needed on this date. Screenings will last for approximately 45 minutes per child.

Screenings are held Mid-Late May. Children must be 3 years old in order to be screened. Children who turn 3 years old after the May screening takes place can be screened in the fall. Children must reside within the Gateway Regional School District; school choice does not apply to preschool. Children must be 4 on or before September 1 to be eligible for full day preschool.

If we receive more registrations than available preschool openings, the spaces will be filled via a lottery. Families will be notified of the results of their child's screening and whether or not they have a space within the preschool. Preference is given to four year old children. You will be asked to rank order the sessions that you are interested in having your child attend. Please note that you will only be entered into the lottery for the sessions that you indicate on your registration form.

Screening information will be mailed home in April. Please contact Steph Conway in the Pupil Services Office at 685-1017 or sconway@grsd.org to get on our mailing list.

The Integrated Preschools enroll children who are 3-5 years old with and without disabilities. Classrooms are taught by teachers certified in Early Childhood and/or Special Education in language enriched classrooms with low teacher:child ratios.

Children must be 3 by September 1 to attend preschool.

Children with documented disabilities who are found eligible for special education programming are exempt from the September 1st deadline and are legally entitled to begin preschool upon their 3rd birthday (regardless of when that occurs during the school year).