

**INSTRUCTION**

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Pre-Kindergarten Programs

The District may establish a pre-kindergarten program based on the premise that the District's teachers, support staff, and physical facilities can offer a quality of experiences that cannot be provided by area nursery schools. If it is not possible for the District to provide such a program for all four-year-old children in the District, those children in greatest need will be sought and identified.

The objectives of the program are to:

1. Identify children with incipient problems of a social, emotional, and/or physical nature, regardless of whether they are related to maturational development;
2. Provide an educational experience that will ameliorate or eliminate these problems at an early age, thereby deterring adjustment and/or learning problems from developing in subsequent years;
3. Identify children who do not have facility in the English language and provide experiences that enhance and accelerate the development of such a facility;
4. Identify children who would not otherwise attend a nursery school prior to entering public school and provide them with equal learning opportunities;
5. Provide experiences for the parents of these children through a volunteer aide program whereby they can become oriented to the task of the school and how their role as parents might relate to the task as it affects their children; and
6. Provide learning experiences in early childhood education and child care for high school students through cooperative arrangements with the District high school(s).

If any such program is instituted by the District, such program may be separate and apart from any services provided to pre-kindergarten students under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or other special education laws.

Policy History:

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