

What do I do now?

Begin by asking yourself these three questions:

- From the sample of age appropriate developmental skills given, does my child seem to have a delay?
- Do I question whether or not my child will succeed in Kindergarten?
- Do I feel my child's only delay is in speech or language and may need speech therapy?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions
please contact:
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Mission:

Supporting the "I" in IEP

Vision:

All students with disabilities will reach their potential for independence as they strive to successfully complete high school and transition into adult life.



Preschool Services

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Who we Are:

Recognizing the importance of early intervention, Earlywood Educational Services serves 3-5 year old children with special needs. Children must qualify as a result of an educational evaluation. This evaluation is provided free of charge through the public school system. Preschool screenings are available in order to determine the need for an educational evaluation.

Developmental preschools are located in various elementary schools throughout Johnson County and are supported by Johnson County Special Services.

Professional staff includes individuals trained in child development, behavior management, language development, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and assessment of children with developmental delays and behavioral disorders.

The early childhood special education services include the following:

- Developmental Preschools located in various public schools
- Special Education support in community preschools.
- Speech and language therapy in various public schools.



What we Do:

Your local school corporation and Earlywood Educational Services work together to support preschool programming in all developmental areas:

- Pre-readiness/Academic skills to prepare for Kindergarten
- Social/Emotional skills which help children learn to follow rules & play with other children
- Self-help skills, such as learning to dress, feed and take care of basic needs independently.
- Speech & language skills (talking in sentences, listening skills, speaking clearly): These skills are important preparation for learning to read. Speech therapy is also available for kids ages 3+ who are not enrolled in preschool.
- Gross & Fine Motor skills, such as hopping, jumping, & learning to manipulate writing utensils.



Who is Eligible?

If you suspect that your child has a delay in language skills, motor skills, pre-readiness skills, social/emotional skills, or self-help skills, you can request a FREE developmental screening. If the results of the screening indicate possible delays, children are evaluated by professionals using standardized tests, observation, and parent interview. The results are then reviewed by the parent, teacher, and evaluators to determine if an area of eligibility exists for placement.

Are my child's developmental skills age appropriate?

Age 3:

- Builds a tower of 4-5 blocks
- Puts together a puzzle of 3-4 pieces
- Opens doors by turning handles
- Participates in simple group activity, sings, claps, dances
- Talks in 4-5 word sentences, names most familiar items in a picture
- Follows 2-step directions (e.g. get the books & put them on the table)
- Jumps in place, 2 feet together, Walks up stairs
- Familiar listeners understand speech most of the time

Age 4:

- Copies a circle, builds a tower of 9 blocks
- Matches & sorts objects by color, shape, size, & other attributes
- Buttons & unbuttons large buttons
- Joins in play with other children, comforts peers in distress
- Talks in 5-6 word sentences & asks questions
- Begins to recognize words that rhyme
- Responds to questions about familiar stores, understands ideas of "same" & "different"
- Speaks clearly enough for strangers to understand
- Throws a ball overhead.
- Knows age & last name, Knows 6 basic colors