

BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Preschool services for children with disabilities have been provided within the town's schools since 1985. In an effort to employ best practices our program has been enrolling typically developing children since 1998. The Burrillville School Department welcomes typically developing children in the preschool classrooms to model appropriate speech, language and social skills for children with special needs of varying degrees. Young children interact by copying one another. They perform the same actions, mimic social skills and behaviors that build positive relationships between children. Per state regulations, maximum enrollment in integrated classrooms is 15 students per session, with less than 50% being children with disabilities. This is usually 7 children with disabilities [IEPs], and 8 typically developing peers. The program is taught by a teacher who holds dual certification in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. There is a teacher assistant in each session. Classes are held Monday through Friday. The a.m. session is 8:45 to 11:15 and the p.m. session is 12:30 to 3:00. Your cooperation in prompt arrival and dismissal will be greatly appreciated.

A speech/language therapist, an occupational therapist, a physical therapist, a school psychologist and a school social worker are on staff as well.

Children who qualify for preschool special education services will receive these services in the **least restrictive environment**.. These services are provided in our walk- in therapy clinic, or in a classroom setting, depending on the severity of need.

Program Requirements for Typically Developing Children

Typically developing children shall be eligible for preschool admission when:

- 1) They are residents of Burrillville
- 2) They have reached the age of 3 years by September 1st.
- 3) They have successfully participated in a Child Outreach Screening or screening by ATL preschool staff.
- 4) They are fully toilet trained.
- 5) They are able to function in a preschool classroom without additional support.
- 6) They have completed all forms required by the Burrillville Public School Department (registration, physical exam, immunization records, proof of residency, birth certificate). This documentation does not need to be included with this application-only upon acceptance into the program.
- 7) They are able to be transported to and from school daily by a parent or caregiver.

Annual tuition for typically developing students in the preschool program is \$1,550. The first payment of \$150 is due at registration. The remaining \$1400 is divided into 8 payments of \$175 due on the first of the month from September to April. Tuition is prorated for children entering the program after the start of the school year. If more than one child from the same family is attending the program, please contact the business office for tuition rates for each additional child.

Selection Process

Your child must successfully participate in Child Outreach Screening prior to April 30th to be included in the lottery drawing for placement in one of our preschool classrooms for the following school year [2018-2019]. Children who will be attending Kindergarten the following school year will be given priority. Children screened after April 30th will be considered for the program, if there are openings, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Child Outreach is a free service sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Information about your child's vision, hearing, and overall development is obtained through a series of activities. YOU MUST make arrangements with Julie LePain @ 647-7560 for your child to be screened through Child Outreach.

It may be necessary for the Burrillville School Department to withdraw a child from the program for the following reasons:

- Failure to cooperate with Burrillville School Department policies.
- Failure to provide requested registration documentation.
- Severe behaviors which interfere with the instruction of others or that may endanger your child, other children or staff.
- Excessive unexcused absences and frequent lateness.
- Failure to provide tuition payments. Failure to provide payment in a timely manner will result in a meeting with the Preschool Coordinator and a representative of the school department's Business Office. Failure to make two consecutive payments may result in automatic withdrawal.

Program questions may be directed to Dorothy Murray, Preschool Coordinator, at 568-1340 or by email at murrayd@bsd-ri.net. Tuition questions may be directed to Dorothy Murray or Monica Tomson, Principal, at 568-1340 or by email at tomsonm@bsd-ri.net.

You will be notified by the end of May if your child has been selected to join the Preschool Program for the following school year.

(Please retain for your information.)

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Preschool Application

Child's name _____

Current Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender: Male Female

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Work/Cell number _____

Email _____

My child has been screened by CHILD OUTREACH _____ (date).

I need to schedule a CHILD OUTREACH screening for my child _____.

Please call Julie LePain at 647-7560 to schedule a CHILD OUTREACH SCREENING.

I would prefer my child attend the Preschool Program during the:

AM _____ PM _____ No Preference _____

Fall 20 _____ Winter 20 _____

If your child is selected we will make every effort to meet your session preference.

Completion of this form does not guarantee acceptance into the Preschool Program.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

School Use Only

Child Outreach Screening Date:

Child Outreach Exit ____ Re-screen ____ (vision hearing speech language development)

AM Session PM Session Teacher _____