Special Education Early Childhood Program
A service provided by the Gwinnett County Public School System

WHO QUALIFIES?
Any preschool child, 3, 4, or 5 years old, who is found eligible because they show:

- Developmental delays
- Attention or behavior problems
- Speech and/or language difficulties
- Hearing or vision impairments
- Physical or medical disabilities

Eligibility is determined through evaluation by a team of specialists with input from the parents.

WHAT IS THE GWINNETT COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM?
A program designed with the developmental stages of the young child in mind, we offer a play-based curriculum through which the child’s learning goals - the Individual Education Program (IEP)-can be addressed. Our goal is to lead and support the education of young children, in partnership with families, and to provide each child with special needs a rich and challenging educational experience.

WHERE ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?
Special Education Preschool Services are provided at a variety of locations throughout Gwinnett County. Based on your child’s needs, IEPs may be addressed:

- In your child’s current preschool or day care center
- In a preschool or day care center working with GCPS
- In your home
- In a classroom housed within a Gwinnett County School

These placements may be supported by one or more of the following:

- Parent training programs
- Occupational therapy
- Speech/language therapy
- Vision and hearing services
- Physical therapy
- Transportation
- Other services as needed

There is no fee for any service offered.

WHEN SHOULD I CALL?
Call now if you think your child may need our services. Children who qualify may be served as early as their third birthday.

WHY ARE SERVICES OFFERED?
Because we believe:

- All children have the potential to learn and succeed
- Success is best fostered by close collaboration between families and educators
- A “team” approach promotes development in all areas of a child’s life
- Early intervention does make a difference

HOW DO I APPLY FOR SERVICES?
To receive additional information, contact our parent referral line: (678) 301-7244
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

https://gcpsk12.org/earlychildhood-specialeducation

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