

Wilmington City Schools Preschool Program

Wilmington City Schools will be accepting applications for the 2009-2010 preschool program for children who are typically developing. The preschool is located at East End Elementary, 769 Rombach Ave. in Wilmington.

In 1990, Wilmington City Schools developed a preschool program to serve children with a variety of special needs, in response to a federal mandate that required the provision of special education services by public school districts. The current program model was adopted this year to include children with typical development in order to create a community of learners, one with an appropriate and enriching learning environment and experience for all.

In order to enroll a preschooler at the beginning of the school year, typically developing children need to be 4 years old at the time of enrollment and toilet trained. The tuition for the 2009-2010 school year will be \$150 per month, which includes the snack fee.

The application may be obtained through email or picked up at Central Office. Children are selected through a lottery process. We value the balance of age and gender in each class. When selecting children for our preschool, both of these factors are considered. Those not selected will have the opportunity to place their name on a waiting list.

The Creative Curriculum is guided by the Early Learning Content Standards provided by the Ohio Department of Education. The daily schedule provides for a combination of whole group, small group and individual instruction, as well as learning through center based activities. Children are given an opportunity to interact with peers and adults in the classroom, as well as motor time and outside play. The social curriculum is supported through the Responsive Classroom philosophy which fosters safe, challenging, and joyful classrooms.

Our preschool teacher has 29 years experience and a Bachelor's degree in education. Our preschool classroom aide has 12 years experience and is working towards a paraprofessional certificate. Each class is a combination of multi-age grouping of 3 through 5 year olds and are comprised of 2/3 children with identified special needs and 1/3 children who are typically developing. Classes are in session Monday through Thursday and follow the school calendar of the Wilmington City School district. Students attend either morning or afternoon sessions for approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

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ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Since 1990, Wilmington City Schools has operated a preschool program to meet the needs of three to five year old children with identified disabilities. A program model has been adopted this year that would integrate typically developing children, in order to provide an enriched learning environment for all children. Those interested in enrolling their typically developing four or five year old child in the Wilmington City Schools preschool program, may do so by completing the attached form. All parents will be notified by mail.

Location

East End Elementary
769 Rombach Avenue
Wilmington, OH 45177
937-382-2443

Program Information

- Morning or afternoon programs
- Class times: 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday through Thursday
- Twelve children per classroom, eight with identified special needs and four typically developing children.

Transportation

Per Ohio law, transportation is provided for students identified with special needs. Typically developing children *will not* receive transportation.

Child requirement

- Child must be 4 years of age at the time of enrollment.
- Child who is 6 years of age on or before September 30, 2009 is not eligible.
- Child must be toilet trained.

Children are selected through a lottery process.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition is \$150 per month payable on the first day of each month, September to May. Tuition includes snacks and supplies.

Placement

Final placement will not be made until ALL documents are in your child's file, including this packet.

Applications Accepted

Applications will be accepted at Wilmington City Schools Central Office. Please send to the attention of Diane Hertlein, Case Manager. No phone registrations will be accepted.

**Wilmington Preschool Program Lottery Application
2009-2010**

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Gender: _____ F _____ M Date of Birth: _____

Siblings (names/ages) : _____

Session preferred (not a guarantee): AM PM (Circle one)

1. What are your child's interests?

2. Does your child enjoy stories? Is there a favorite?

3. Does your child show an interest in other children? Please describe.

4. Does your child prefer to play with children or adults?

5. Does your child spend most of the time playing alone, alongside, or interacting with other children?

6. What types of daily living skills does your child perform independently? (i.e. eating, toileting, dressing, etc.)

7. Which of the following is your child interested in?

_____ t.v./video games _____ computers _____ arts/crafts

_____ imaginary play (i.e. house, store) _____ outdoor play

_____ construction materials (i.e. Duplos)

_____ other: _____

8. Which of the following organized "school" experiences has your child participated in (check all that apply)?

_____ daycare center _____ church school _____ another preschool

_____ home daycare _____ classes (i.e. Gymboree) _____ play group

9. What feedback have you received about your child's development?
Please describe.

10. Do you have concerns about your child's development in any of the following areas:

_____ speech _____ fine motor _____ gross motor

_____ social/emotional/behavior

Please explain:

11. Is there any other information we should be aware of in order to work effectively with your child?

SPECIAL NOTE: We value a balance of age and gender in each class. When assigning children to classrooms, both of these factors are considered. Classes are not filled on a "First come, first served" basis.

Please mail or deliver complete to:

Diane Hertlein, Case Manager
Wilmington City Schools Central Office
341 S. Nelson Ave.
Wilmington, OH 45177

For more information, call Diane at 283-7385 or email diane.hertlein@wilmington.k12.oh.us

NEXT STEPS

- If selected through the lottery, your child will be screened with a developmental screener. Children will not be excluded based solely on the results of the screening instruments.
- If selected, a preschool registration packet must be filled out and turned in to secure final placement.

THANK YOU!

PRESCHOOL TEAM

Terry Gillespie, Director of Pupil Services
Pam Stephens, Educational Service Administrator at MRDD
Lindsey Callahan, School Psychologist
Mary Lou Chamberlain, Speech Pathologist
Linda Marsh, Preschool Teacher