

SCREENING

Early Identification Screening

Screenings for children with suspected delays are held monthly throughout the school year. Appointments are scheduled through Department of Student Services, (330) 335.1316. All screenings are held at Overlook Elementary located at 650 Broad St, Wadsworth, Ohio. Screenings are conducted by members of the preschool staff including the preschool teacher, speech-therapist, and school psychologist. Children are screened in the areas of speech/language, motor skills, social skills/behavior, cognitive/pre-academic skills, and adaptive behavior, with specific emphasis on the area(s) of suspected delay.

At the end of the screening process, the preschool team will meet with the child's parent and determine if there is a suspected disability. Further evaluation will need to be conducted to determine if delays are significant enough to qualify them for special education services. These services are free of charge for children that qualify under the *Ohio Operating Standards for Serving Children with Disabilities*. Services are provided based on each child's individual needs, but may include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and/or placement within the preschool program.

If you have further questions regarding the early identification screening process please contact, the Director of Student Services, Kristen Prough, 330-335-1316.

Typical Preschool Screening

Preschool screening is required for all children being considered for placement. A screening is held in the early spring, for enrollment beginning the following school year. Sometimes additional screenings can be held if additional spots become available. Appointments are scheduled through the Department of Student Services, (330) 335.1316.

Children must turn 3 years old before the first day of the school year and be reliably toilet trained in order to attend. A child may not be reliably toilet-trained by the screening date, but the Preschool Team reserves the right to delay or revoke enrollment if the child is not reliably toilet trained by the first day of class. Also, children must live in the Wadsworth City School District and be accompanied to the screening by a parent or guardian.

Limited spaces are available for typically developing children. Children being considered for enrollment as a typical peer must display age-appropriate speech and language skills, good behavior and social skills, and must be reliably toilet trained.

Children are screened in the areas of speech/language, motor skills, social skills/behavior, cognitive/ pre-academic skills, and adaptive behavior. At the screening, parents will receive detailed information about the program. Parents receive the screening results within two weeks following the screening.