

Mason County Preschool Child Find Procedures

The Kentucky Department of Education has established criteria for preschool eligibility and the Mason County School District must abide by the state criteria.

If your child is 3: Must have a developmental delay or another identified disability that adversely affects their learning to qualify for preschool

If your child is 4: Must have a developmental delay/disability or must be income eligible to qualify for preschool

The guidelines for identifying children with disabilities in preschool have changed. It is now required that children, whose parents are concerned about the possibility of their child having a disability, must receive interventions before they can be referred for evaluation. To comply with the changes, we have had to change our screening procedures.

If **no** concerns are noted on the screening, your child will **not proceed** any further in the screening process. If concerns **are noted**, your child will have the opportunity to receive **interventions** for **3 weeks**.

These interventions will be offered in the preschool classroom at Straub Elementary School from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a 3 week period. Parents will leave their child with qualified preschool staff in order to experience the preschool environment.

If your child **makes** progress during the interventions, they **will not proceed** any further in the screening process and **will not be eligible** to attend preschool. If after the interventions, the child continues to have **areas of concern**, the child may then be referred for evaluation.

After the evaluation is completed, the Admissions and Release Committee will then meet to determine if the child has a disability which adversely affects their education. Children who have been identified with disabilities may then be eligible to attend preschool.

Thank you for participating in our preschool screening program! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Greta C. Stanfield
Director of Early Childhood Education

“The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.”

~John Lubbock