

EARLY CHILDHOOD and PRE-K PROGRAMS

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Eligibility and placement in Early Childhood programs are based upon criteria set by the Illinois State Board of Education and the federal government. If screening shows that there may be a problem, further testing (Case Study Evaluation) is done to determine if a child is developmentally behind his or her peers and if he or she meets requirements for placement in the Early Childhood Program. Screenings for children who receive Birth to Three services are sometimes bypassed. These children are referred to OCEC by agencies providing early intervention three services. After the team evaluating the child has completed the evaluation, a meeting is held and placement determination is made. Children found to be eligible for Early Childhood are placed in an Early Childhood Program.

Early Childhood classrooms can be found in the elementary schools of most school districts in Ogle County. Students who live in smaller school districts are often sent to an early childhood classroom in a nearby school district. Most students in Early Childhood Programs go to school half-days either in the morning or in the afternoon, five days per week. There is no cost for enrollment, nor are children in the program required to be potty trained. Transportation to and from school is provided.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-K PROGRAMS

Eligibility requirements are set, placement decisions are made, and parents are notified of Pre-K eligibility, by each local school district. Pre-K eligibility does not necessarily mean placement. If Pre-K classrooms are full, children may be placed on a waiting list. There is no cost for enrollment. Transportation to and from school is provided. Please contact the Pre-K teacher who serves your school district if you have questions regarding eligibility for the Pre-K Program.

Amboy	857-4539	Eswood	562-4500	Oregon	732-2911
AFC	456-2691	Forrestville Vly	938-2175	Polo	946-3811
Byron	234-5491 x 757	Kings	562-2400	Rochelle Elem	562-5400
Creston	562-2400	Meridian	645-8188	Steward	456-2691