3-5 Community Inclusion Program

What is Early Childhood Special Education Community Inclusion?
☆ Preschool-aged children are eligible for our services based on an evaluation that shows a delay in development
☆ We provide a range of services based on a child’s development and learning needs
☆ We help children be successful in their home and community
☆ Services are provided at preschool and childcare including Head Start, Early Childhood Family Education, private preschools, or your home
☆ All children have the right to belong and participate in typical activities in their communities

Early Childhood Special Education Services
☆ Our services:
  ☆ Are free
  ☆ Have no waitlist for eligible children
  ☆ Have no income requirements
  ☆ Require parent consent
  ☆ Do not ask about immigration status
☆ We value your home culture and language. Interpreters are used to communicate with families

What to Expect
☆ Children learn best during everyday routines and activities
☆ St. Paul Public Schools 4 year old Pre-K classrooms welcome children with special needs
☆ ECSE staff guide families through transitions to preschool programs and kindergarten
☆ An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is written with your family to determine learning goals and the plans for services
☆ Regular progress monitoring about supports needed to reach IEP goals
☆ Services are available from a child’s 3rd birthday until entrance to kindergarten
☆ Services are provided during the school year

Primary Service Provider Model
☆ One person from our team will be your child’s Primary Service Provider (PSP)
☆ The PSP is chosen based on highest priorities for your child
☆ Your child’s team may include an ECSE Teacher, a Speech and Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, a Social Worker, a Nurse, an Audiologist, a teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and a teacher of Blind/Visual Impairments
☆ Our team helps caregivers and teachers help children learn new skills within daily routines and activities
☆ We observe, coach, and problem solve to maximize learning opportunities
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ECSE Services are provided at no cost to families

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