ECSE Services in St. Paul Public Schools Pre-K and Specialized Programs

Classroom Information
☆ Preschool aged children are eligible for our services based on an evaluation that shows a delay in development
☆ SPPS Pre-K and ECSE specialized classrooms are located in elementary schools throughout the school district
☆ SPPS 4 year old Pre-K classrooms welcome children with special needs. We provide inclusive supports.
☆ SPPS ECSE specialized classrooms are for children with significant needs ages 3-5
☆ All ECSE students have access to the district’s preschool curriculum

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
  ☆ Transportation is available
☆ We value your home culture and language. Interpreters are used to communicate with families.

What to Expect
☆ Services are available from a child’s 3rd birthday until entrance to kindergarten
☆ We provide a range of services based on a child’s development and learning needs
☆ An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is written each year with your family to determine learning goals and the plans for services
☆ Regular progress monitoring about supports needed to reach IEP goals
☆ ECSE staff guide families through transitions to preschool programs and kindergarten special education services

Your Team
☆ 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 teams help children learn new skills within classroom routines and learning activities. We collaborate with Pre-K teachers to maximize learning opportunities
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ECSE Services are provided at no cost to families