



TRI-COUNTY PRESCHOOLS

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REFERRAL PROCESS

Special education is instruction specifically designed to meet the educational and developmental needs of children with disabilities, or those who are experiencing developmental delays. Services for preschool children (ages 3 through 5) are provided free of charge through the public school system under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Children receiving early intervention services may begin receiving special education preschool services upon their transition out of early intervention (typically at age 3). For those children not receiving early intervention services, referrals for evaluation may be made by parents by contacting Tri-County Preschool throughout the school year. Typically, these students will then be scheduled for a developmental screening, at which time all developmental areas will be assessed by the screening team. If a disability is suspected, a Play-Based Assessment will be scheduled with the parent in order to complete the initial evaluation.