



FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Fall River Public Schools Preschool Outreach, Selection and Enrollment Procedures and Policies

Children are selected for the regular education spots within the integrated preschool classrooms through the use of a lottery system. We begin a screening process in March for families who are interested in having their children participate in our program. We screen children using the Brigance screening tool, and at the same visit we ask parents to complete a family questionnaire that we use to collect developmental information regarding the child and other questions that refer to the criteria that we use to identify at-risk children.

When all screening are completed the Early Childhood Director and her 4 early childhood teachers that completed all of the screening meet to select children who are at-risk and will be placed in our at-risk spots. Each classroom is made up of 7 children on IEP's, 4 at-risk children and 4 typically developing children selected through the lottery process. The criteria that we use to select at-risk children include the following:

- Low score on the Brigance screen, and indicators identified to have the most impact on school success such as:
- Single parent home
- Economic stress
- Low maternal education
- Homelessness
- Low-income housing
- Parent/sibling disability
- Premature birth
- Limited English household
- EI intervention
- Limited contact with other children
- Foster children

After the children have been selected for at-risk spots the remaining children are placed in the lottery. We also maintain a waitlist of 25 children. The children that are not selected in the lottery are sent letters with information on other private preschool programs, and free Play & Learn groups held weekly throughout the community by CFCE staff.

All of this information for families is located on our website under Parent Info/Preschool Lottery.