

The Opportunity Project



Derby PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Age 4 (Prior to Aug. 31)

Fee: No Cost

1/2 day M-F

What is Early Childhood Special Education?

The TOP program is for eligible four-year-olds, residents of Derby Public Schools.

TOP
4600 S. Clifton, Wichita

This program is only available to residents of Derby Public Schools. The child must be four years old on or before August 31. If you meet one of the eight criteria below, you have until July 31 to apply. Starting August 1, applications may be submitted to those who do not meet the criteria on a first come, first serve basis as long as space is available. At the time of enrollment you will need to have the child's birth certificate and shot record.

How do children qualify for services?

Your four-year old must qualify in one of the following areas:

1. Poverty (four-year-old at-risk). Qualifies for free or reduced lunch program on September 20.
2. Single Parent family. At the time of enrollment, the custodial parent is unmarried.
3. Department for Children and Families (DCF) referral. The reason for referral must describe the need for the child to attend the State Pre-Kindergarten Program (four year AR) program and be documented and signed by the DCF agent.
4. Teen parent (13-19). At least one parent was a teen when the child was born.
5. At the time of enrollment, either parent lacks a high school diploma or a GED.
6. Child qualifies for migrant status. There must be a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility on file.
7. English Learners. EL status must be documented. NOTE: ESOL services must be provided by qualified teachers.
8. *Lower than expected Developmental Progress in at least one of the following areas: Cognitive development; physical development; communication/literacy; social-emotional/behavior; adaptive behavior/self-help skills. *Based on results of an appropriate and valid assessment (screening, authentic assessment, or standardized instrument), which has been administered and interpreted by a trained professional, the developmental progress of the child has been determined to be lower than typically expected for his/her chronological age, yet above eligibility requirements for special education services (based on the special education eligibility requirement in the Kansas Special Education Process Handbook).

Summer: Derby Public Schools, Curriculum Department
316.788.8460
School Year: contact your building

