

MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preschool Child Find

Overview

What is a Preschool Child Find Screening?

Preschool Child Find is part of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) that requires districts to locate, identify, and evaluate children ages 3 to 5 who may have a disability.

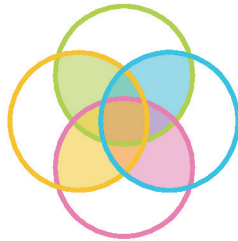
A screening is a series of professional observations and developmental checklists in various areas of development. For ages 3-5, screening days are held throughout the year at Bennettsville Primary School.



Scheduling a screening

Services are available to assist children with special needs. Call to schedule a screening appointment if you are concerned that a child may have a delay in one or more of the following areas of development:

- Cognitive Skills
- Communication Skills
- Daily Living Skills
- Motor Skills
- Vision
- Hearing



Parents/guardians, teachers, daycare providers, or pediatricians may make a referral. However, a legal guardian must give written permission for screening to occur. There is no cost for screening, evaluation, or recommended services.

**Are you concerned about
your child's development?
See the next page for a list
of developmental milestones.**

Who to Contact

Preschool 3-5 Not Enrolled

Sabrina McNeil / Psychologist
smcneil@marlboro.k12.sc.us
843-479-5936 (phone)
301 Jefferson Street
Bennettsville, SC 29512

Preschool 3-5 Already Enrolled

If you have a child already enrolled in Marlboro County School District who may need special services, please contact your child's school and express your concerns to your child's teacher, school administrator, or guidance counselor.

When your child is referred

After the screening is complete, results are shared with parents to determine if any further evaluations are needed. Children who are suspected of having a developmental delay in one or more areas will be recommended for further evaluation to determine if they qualify for special education services through MCSD.

After evaluations have been completed, a meeting will be held to review results and determine eligibility based on state guidelines. If your child is eligible, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will be created with the team.



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Can Your Child Do These Things?

At Two Years:

- Scribble Walk alone forward or backward
- without help Drink from a cup without help
- Walk up and down stairs with help Take off
- clothes Name simple body parts Put two words
- together

At Three Years

- Run without falling
- Throw a ball
- Build a tower of at least 5 blocks
- Put three and four words together
- Answer simple questions
- Copy adults doing daily activities

At Four Years

- Copy a circle
- Play cooperatively with other children
- Give first and last name
- Talk in three and four word sentences
- Ride a tricycle or big wheel
- Throw a ball at least 5 feet

At Five Years

- Tells a simple story using full sentences
- Counts 10 or more things
- Can draw a person with at least 6 body parts
- Can print some letters or numbers
- Stands on one foot for 10 seconds or longer
- Hops; may be able to skip
- Uses a fork and spoon and sometimes a table knife
- Can use the toilet on her own



Our Program

- We currently have three preschool classrooms to serve students ages 3-5 who qualify with a disability.
- Our program is housed at Bennettsville Primary School, but serves students from all of Marlboro County.
- Each classroom has a certified Early Childhood Special Education teacher and a trained paraprofessional.
- Ratio of up to 10 students to 2 adults.
- Half-day program serving two groups a day.
- Focuses on gross motor, fine motor, pre-writing, cognitive, language, daily living, and social emotional skills.
- Prepare your child with necessary skills to be successful in the school environment.
- Our program emphasizes language development through fun and engaging thematic units



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