



Indian River School District Preschool Admissions

The Indian River School District is committed to meeting the needs of preschool aged children with and without identified disabilities and their families. Children with identified disabilities/IEPs will receive free special education services.

- Families of children with IEPs do not need to apply for program admission.
- Children without identified disabilities/IEPs are Typical Peers and must apply for admission to participate in onsite programming within the Indian River School District.
- The number of Typical Peer openings may change at any time based on factors such as student withdrawals, reassignment of students to other classes, program finances, etc.

Free Screening Process

Developmental Screening offers a snapshot of your child's current abilities in the communication, fine motor, gross motor, problem-solving, personal-social, and social-emotional areas. Developmental Milestones describe how children should be growing and learning in the developmental areas at different stages of their lives.

Indian River School District offers access to FREE Developmental Screening in English and in Spanish to ALL Indian River families with children ages 3-5. FREE screening is available for ALL children in public and private preschools, family and center based childcares, and those who are not in care outside of the home.

TO ACCESS FREE SCREENING PLEASE:

- Visit <https://www.irsdearlylearning.net/screening>
- Click on the ASQ icon
- Complete the TWO Ages & Stages Questionnaires for your child (The Developmental Screener and the Social-Emotional Screener)
- Results and resources will be reviewed and sent to your email

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For more information
email:

Childfind@irsd.k12.de.us

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The Indian River School District Early Learning, offers integrated preschool programs for children ages three and four. IRSD Early Learning gives children access to participate in age-appropriate learning opportunities, and the supports necessary to do so.

For more information on programs, please visit

www.irsdearlylearning.net



Pre-Kindergarten Typical Peer Requirements Prior to Application

- Children eligible for the Typical Peer slots must be Indian River School District residency.
- During the Open Application Period, all applicants must be three years of age on or before August 31st to apply for the following school year.
- Parents/guardians of Typical Peers must complete the ASQ Developmental Screenings.
- IRSD will accept applications throughout the year, and will offer an “Open Application Period” prior to each school year. **The 2021-2022 Open Application Period is March 2nd 2021-September 2021.** First draw lottery slots will **occur on June 2nd**. Sequential lottery drawings will occur the 2nd of each month if additional slots become available.
- Families who applied for Typical Peer slots when their children were three, but who were not invited/accepted, must reapply.
- All interested families will complete a Typical Peer Application online during the Open Application Period. Families without online access may schedule a screening appointment at a local child find hub or local library to complete the information.
- Parents/Guardians must agree that the information submitted via the Typical Peer Application is true and/or correct. Providing information that is not correct may result in a Typical Peer Application being removed from the Applicant Pool or the child being placed at the bottom of the waitlist.
- At any time, the Indian River School District may choose to enroll children who are district residents and have been evaluated for special education on eligibility, but do not qualify for services.

Pre-Kindergarten Typical Peer Selection

Preference will be applied to fill IRSD slots in the order listed below. A review of Pre-Kindergarten slots will be held and students meeting the below criteria will be enrolled:

1. Children eligible for the Typical Peer slots must be Indian River School District residents.
2. Children who are three years of age and hold a priority based or tuition slot from the previous school year.
3. Children who attended as students with identified disabilities and have been dismissed from special education services, and are Indian River School District residents.
4. Children of Indian River School District employees.

Remaining student slots will equally be divided through a lottery with equal weight applied to the factors below:

- Meet the weighted criteria based on the Head Start Program Performance Standards. These are called priority-based slots and are ranked through point criteria.
- Children who reside in Indian River School District and will be 3 or 4 by August 31st of that school year. These slots are tuition based and are selected through a random lottery process.