

## Welcome to a Partnership

Dear Families,  
Welcome to the Indian River School District Early Childhood Programs. We are so excited to provide your child with a high-quality, enriching, early childhood experience! The Indian River School District is pleased to welcome your child to the beginning of adventures in learning and cooperating with other children. The variety of experiences will develop your child's confidence and excitement towards learning.

### The Early Childhood screening process:

1. Contact your "home school" to set up an appointment to your nearest hub.
2. Please bring the necessary documentation to the appointment
3. While your child is screened for vision and hearing you will fill out registration information and will include your input by completing the *Ages and Stages* Parent Questionnaire.
4. Coordinator will discuss results with you and will refer you to the appropriate early childhood program within the school district.

### Early Childhood Screening

To expedite registration, please bring the following:

- Proof of residency
- Official birth certificate
- Immunization record

State law requires each student to have a physical examination attending preschool

## Tuition

Families who do not qualify for other programs can apply to our Tuition program. **Tuition program** provides preschool services for three or four-year-old children at an affordable rate. The goal is to prepare children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond through education in the areas of language, literacy, social-emotional, physical development, health, nutrition and mental wellness

### Purchase of Care

**Purchase of Care (POC)/Subsidized Child Care**, is offered through the Delaware Department of Health and Social Service (DHSS). Parents must meet DHSS guidelines. Families that do not qualify for our other programs, may apply for our POC program. POC provides preschool services for three or four-year-old children. The goal is to prepare children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond.

### Contact Information:

Denise Garcia  
Family Service Coordinator  
(302)732-1346

### District Elementary Schools

East Millsboro	934-3222
John M. Clayton	732-3808
Georgetown	856-1940
Long Neck	945-6200
Lord Baltimore	537-2700
North Georgetown	855-2430
Phillip C. Showell	436-1040

Indian River School District

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## Early Childhood Programs

### The Learning Years



The Indian River School District Early Childhood Programs are committed to meeting the needs of preschool aged children with and without identified disabilities and their families.

**Director: Dr. Audrey Carey**



Project Village is our **Early Childhood Assistance Program (ECAP)**. ECAP is funded by the Delaware Department of Education and provides preschool services for Delaware's three- and four-year-old children. The focus in education is in the areas of language, literacy, social-emotional, physical development, health, nutrition and mental wellness. The goal is to prepare children to be successful in kindergarten and beyond.

### Who is Eligible?

Children 3 years old or 4 years old by August 31 are accepted into ECAP based on the following:

- From a family with annual income at or below 110 percent of federal poverty level;
- Qualify for school district special education services;
- English Language Learners
- Families who receive TANF, are homeless or receive SSI
- At risk families

### Documentation Needed

- For verification of age - Child's birth certificate
- For verification of income - Income Tax form-1040, or W-2 forms, TANF, unemployment or two most recent pay stubs
- Immunizations and physical

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Option 8

**T.O.T.S. (Transitioning Our Toddlers to School)** program provides developmentally appropriate and child-centered education for children ages 3 and 4 with special needs. Lessons are individualized and differentiated based on each student's needs and Individual Education Program. Services available include screenings, multi-disciplinary assessments, early childhood education and related services, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. Our staff includes certified special education teachers, licensed therapists and paraprofessionals.

### Who is Eligible?

- Applicants must be 3 years of age
- Referred by Child Development Watch, parent referral, or pediatrician
- Has a disability; and needs special education and related services because of the disability determined by a formal assessment of the child's development.

### Documentation Needed

- For verification of age - Child's birth certificate
- Proof of residency
- Student registration form
- Immunizations and physical

### Contact Information:

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Special Education Coordinator  
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**Howard T. Ennis Educational Services** are provided to all students (preschool through 21 years old) with significant disabilities within the Indian River School District. Special education services are provided by trained and experienced teachers, therapists, nurses and paraeducators under the leadership of a coordinating team of administrators. Howard T. Ennis preschool program accepts model peers. Model peers are students who are behavioral and language role models for students with severe and moderate intellectual disabilities and/or Autism.

### Who is Eligible for Model Peers?

- Applicants must turn 4 years of age by August 31st of the enrolling year.
- Applicants must be a resident of the Indian River School District or Sussex County
- In order to meet the criteria of the Howard T. Ennis students' least restrictive environment IEP requirements, model students must remain in the program throughout the entire 12 month period.

### Documentation Needed

- For verification of age - Child's birth certificate
- Proof of residency
- Student Registration form
- Immunizations and physical

### Contact Information:

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Special Education Coordinator  
(302)856-1930