



## Welcome to a Partnership!

Dear Families,  
Welcome to the Indian River School District Early Childhood Programs. We are 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.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR VISIT:

[www.irsdearlylearning.net](http://www.irsdearlylearning.net)

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# WE ARE SO EXCITED TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH

HIGH-QUALITY  
PROGRAMS

ENRICHING EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
EXPERIENCES

EXCITEMENT  
TOWARDS  
LEARNING

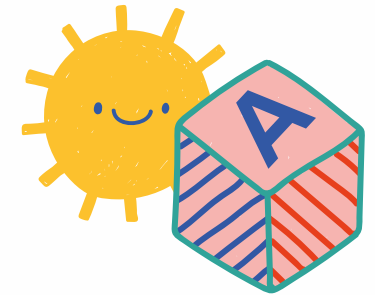
### FREE Developmental Screenings

The Indian River School District conducts free developmental screenings for children aged 3-5. The screening helps to determine whether a child has a potential delay as compared to others of the same age group. Children are screened in the areas of motor skills, basic concepts, and language development. Further evaluation will be discussed with those families of children that exhibit delays on the screening.

## Indian River School District "A Model of Excellence"



## 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.

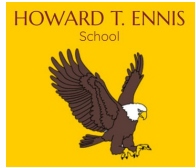
# Our Programs

## Programs Available:

- **ECAP-** free to qualifying families
- **T.O.T.S.-** individualized Education Program
- **Tuition Based**



**Contact Information**  
302-732-1346



## Programs Available:

- **ECAP-** free to qualifying families
- **Early Childhood Individualized Education Program**
- **Tuition Based**

**Contact Information**  
302-856-1930

Applications can be filled out at [www.irsdearlylearning.net](http://www.irsdearlylearning.net). Please be aware that an application for the Early Learning programs is **NOT** registration.

**Applying for the Early Learning programs does not guarantee placement into the programs.** Depending on the the program choice, parents will be asked to submit additional documents.

## ECAP PROGRAM

Provides preschool services for IRSD's 3 and 4 year old children. The focus in education is in the areas of language, literacy, social-emotional, physical development, health, nutrition and mental wellness. Our goal is to prepare children to be successful in Kindergarten and beyond. These students will serve as role models for our students with developmental delays.

### Who is Eligible?

Children 3 years old and 4 years old by August 31 based on the following:

- from a family with annual income at or below 110% of federal poverty level
- qualify for school district special education services
- Multilingual learners
- Families who receive TANF, are homeless, or receive SSI or receive SNAP
- 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 2 most recent pay stubs
- Immunizations and physical

### Tuition Based

Families who do not qualify for our other programs can apply to our **Tuition program**. The tuition program provides preschool services for 3 or 4 year olds at an affordable rate.

**Please reach out for more information about our Tuition Based programs**

## HOWARD T. ENNIS PROGRAM

Students participate in an inclusive classroom with students who have been identified with developmental delays. The classroom supports the needs of students with complex needs as well as typically developing students, with half of the students being selected from each category. Our enrollment varies from year to year as it is dependent upon the special needs population. Program offerings include weekly: music therapy, swimming, and special area rotations (PE, Daily Living Skills). Several community outings and field trips are scheduled each year. Breakfast and lunch are offered daily as well.

### Who is Eligible?

- Children 3 and 4 years old by August 31
- Live within the Indian River School District
- In order to meet 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 and meet the annual income of "at or below 110% of federal poverty level"

### Documentation Needed

- For verification of age- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of Residency
- Immunizations and physical

## T.O.T.S. (TRANSITIONING OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL)

Provides programming that provides developmentally appropriate and child-centered education for children ages 3 and 4 years old **with special needs**. Lessons are individualized and differentiated based on each student's needs and Individualized Education Plan. Services available include screenings, multidisciplinary assessments, early childhood education and related services such as physical therapy, occupational and speech therapy. Our staff includes certified special education teachers, licensed therapists and paraprofessionals.

### Who is Eligible?

Children must be 3 years of age who:

- are referred to by Child Development Watch, parent or pediatrician
- have a disability and need special education and related services because of the disability as 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