



Early Childhood Special Education Programs and Services

Location: Community Education Resource Center (ECSE)

455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion

CHILD FIND

The early childhood Child Find team works with EarlyOn Oakland Schools to determine eligibility for various services. When a referral is received either by the county or the district, the Child Find Coordinators are contacted. An evaluation is then set up to evaluate a child for services through EarlyOn Part C or Michigan Special Education. Depending on the child's needs, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) may be created to monitor a child's development and provide interventions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY INTERVENTION, BIRTH TO THREE

The early intervention team consists of special education staff from all disciplines, housed at the CERC building. The staff works with families and their children ages 0-3 primarily in the child's natural environment (home, daycare setting) that qualify for special education services under Michigan law. In addition to services provided in the home, there are several speech and language classes housed at the CERC building that allow for purposeful play with same age peers and transition into a school based setting for those 2-3 years old. Program placement and supports are determined by an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) team after an evaluation.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE)

ECSE is an early childhood special education program that provides free and appropriate education for preschool students with a variety of special needs in specific areas of development. There are currently four classes (two AM classes and two PM classes) in which individual placements are based on the least restrictive environment and individual needs. Classes are scheduled up to four days a week (Monday through Thursday) and up to 3 hours a day depending on the need of each child. Parent Involvement days are scheduled at least one Friday a month. The Parent Involvement Days provide students opportunities to foster home/school connections and strengthen social/emotional development. These days also give parents a chance to get to know other parents, children, and teachers.

The ECSE team consists of special education teachers, speech pathologists, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, paraprofessionals, and parents/guardians. All members work together in areas of development by focusing on individual goals and objectives, along with the preschool curriculum. The ECSE team builds a safe and nurturing, learning foundation that leads each child to reach his or her unique, personal success. Program placement and supports are determined by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team after an evaluation.

PRE-K BLEND

The Lake Orion Community Schools Pre-K Blend Program is a cooperative endeavor between the Lake Orion Early Childhood Department and the Lake Orion Community Schools Special Education Department. By incorporating research based programming and access to specialized resources, the Pre-K Blend classroom provides rich educational experience for all 4 year old students. Pre-K Blend classrooms are supported by two teachers, one through the Early Childhood Program, and one through the Early Childhood Special Education Department. A Para-Professional supports students on a daily basis. In addition, other ancillary supports (ie. Speech Therapist, School Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, School Social Worker, and Physical Therapist) are available to support students on an as needed basis.