

FAQ's

How old does my child need to be?

- *Children must be at least 3 years old by September 30 of the school year for which they are applying.*

Where are the preschool classes held and how often do inclusion children attend?

- *All preschool classes are housed at New Kent Elementary School. The New Kent Preschool Inclusion classrooms are in session 4 or 5 days per week, based on the needs of the preschoolers receiving special education.*

What are some expectations of my child?

- *Follow all classroom rules easily and consistently.*
- *Be able to pack and unpack their book bag and eat independently.*
- *Attend to adult directed lessons for at least 10 minutes.*
- *Play cooperatively with others as well as independently.*

NKCPS Preschool

This program will provide children with differing abilities the opportunity to interact and learn from each other as well as to gain greater understanding of human diversity and its value to our society. All students benefit from carefully designed instruction that meets their individual levels. All students are taught by highly qualified teachers and highly qualified paraprofessionals daily.

The interest in our program is large with limited spots. We, therefore, ask that the community value this opportunity, respect the needs of our program, and treat this opportunity as a privilege.



NEW KENT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Inclusive Placement Opportunities for
Preschoolers (IPOP) Program Informational
Brochure**



The New Kent Preschool Inclusion Program is committed to:

Student achievement for ALL

Pursuit of lifelong learning for ALL

Personal Responsibility for ALL

High Quality of Life for ALL

Equal Opportunities for ALL

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Kent Preschool Program is, first and foremost, a quality Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program. To help our children with special needs to the greatest extent, we have inclusive classrooms. Inclusion incorporates children from the community with typical development into our special education classrooms to serve as role models for the children with identified needs. The children without disabilities are selected based on the following criteria:

- Inclusion children must exhibit “role model” type behavior, including well-developed behavior, listening, play, and social skills.
- Children should not have an active IEP or require specialized instruction.
- Inclusion children will participate in a selection visit prior to enrollment.
- Inclusion children must be completely toilet trained.

Only those children meeting the criteria will be considered. The number of students selected will be based on the make-up of preschoolers receiving special education services. This make-up changes every year. Waiting lists are maintained.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

If your child is selected to participate in the Preschool Inclusion Program, it will be necessary for parents to:

- Understand their child’s and family’s role.
- Communicate effectively with preschool staff while being mindful that all NKPCS staff’s time is prioritized for the children with special needs in accordance with federal law.
- Maintain good attendance for their child including arriving and departing on time.
- Supply items on the preschool supply list and other items as requested.
- Make provisions for 2 healthy meals and 1 snack each day.
- Complete all school registration requirements including an up-to-date physical.

Transportation needs will be considered on an individual basis.*

*There may be a transportation cost in future years.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application and return it to New Kent Elementary School, Attention: Lauren Birkhead, 11705 New Kent Highway, New Kent, VA 23124 prior to March 30 of the school year before which they are applying to be a role model. Applications are updated yearly.

Upon receiving the application, notices will be sent to determine a date and time for your child to visit a preschool class. The children will be observed during group play and during structured activities. After school visits have been completed by all applicants, you will receive a letter by mail notifying you that your child has or has not been selected as a model student for the upcoming school year.

Inclusion students must be New Kent County Residents.

“When all who surround you are different, then you truly belong.”

~Unknown