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2021 / 2022 CHILD FIND PRESCHOOL IDENTIFICATION

WHAT IS THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM?

The Tinton Falls School District's Preschool Disabilities Program for 3, 4, and 5 year old children is offered by the Tinton Falls Board of Education pursuant to IDEA-B and N.J.A.C. 6A:14. Local, state and federal funds support it. Classes are held during the school year for two hours forty minutes per day, four days per week. The fifth day is for staff in-service training and home visits, or full day five days per week if the child is eligible. The program includes traditional preschool activities based on the Creative Curriculum, with emphasis on individually designed activities to meet the special needs of each child. Professionals, working closely with the family, design each pupil's specific program. As a parent, you will be actively involved in your child's educational program. The program also features special transportation, evening parent meetings, related therapy services, ABA/Discrete trials instruction if needed, specialized professional consultants, home visits by staff, and frequent home/school communication.

WHO SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED?

Every three, four and five year old known to have or suspected of having a developmental delay or disability. To be eligible, the child must qualify for the program on the basis of a comprehensive assessment including cognitive, motor, language, adaptive and social areas. A child who is already receiving early intervention services may transition into the program when he/she turns three years old. Children can be identified to the program up to four months prior to their third birthday.

INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAMMING:

The Preschool Handicapped Program provides educational interventions in all areas of development to help prepare children prior to their kindergarten year. Each child receives individualized instruction, even within group activities, based on the goals and objectives of his/her IEP. Specialized instructional strategies are utilized, such as multisensory activities, total communication, and applied behavior analysis.

SCREENING IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY:

The assessments and the program are free to the children of Tinton Falls and Shrewsbury Township. Mail us the tear-slip below and we will contact you to set an appointment for your child. If you have any questions, please call the Child Study Team at (732) 542-2500 X 2517.

PRESCHOOL PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

The professional staff includes the Director of Special Services, Child Study Team members (psychologist, social worker and learning disabilities consultant), special education teachers, paraprofessionals and related services personnel including speech, occupational, and physical therapists, and the school nurse. Additional professional consultants are involved as needed.

AFTER AN APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED, PLEASE BRING:

The documents that we request you bring with you are: immunization record, birth certificate, proof of residency such as a deed, mortgage record or rent receipt, as well as a phone bill, utility bill, driver's license, etc. or any other records you have to show you are a resident of Tinton Falls or Shrewsbury Township.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SLIP IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

Once the form is received, you will be contacted and a date and time will be set for you and your child to come into the Mahala F. Atchison School.

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Mail form to: **Special Services Office
Tinton Falls School Administrative Offices
658 Tinton Avenue
Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724**

CHILD'S NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ MALE/FEMALE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ FATHER'S NAME: _____

MOTHER'S WORK NO: _____ FATHER'S WORK NO: _____