

Referral Process

Parents should contact their local school district if they are concerned that their child may have a delay in any of the following areas:

- Vision/hearing
- Communication
- Cognitive
- Social Emotional
- Adaptive Behavior
- Motor

A multi-factored evaluation will be completed to determine if a child is eligible for special education services. An IEP team, including parents, will determine services and placement of child.

For more Information

For more information about itinerant preschool services or referrals, contact your local school district or the ESC of Central Ohio's Center for Student Services.

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Itinerant Services



for Preschool Children with Special Needs




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What are itinerant preschool services?

The ESC of Central Ohio's itinerant-based program is designed to assist identified preschools with disabilities, ages 3-5, in their home, local preschools and/or daycares. This placement option entitles the preschooler to a minimum of four hours per month of services and may include speech or motor therapy.

An itinerant preschool teacher is certified in teaching preschoolers with disabilities.

The itinerant teacher travels to serve children in their natural settings instead of bringing the children to a center-based special needs classroom.



How does an itinerant teacher work with a child?

An itinerant teacher is knowledgeable about the goals that a team has developed on the child's Individualized Education Plan.

The itinerant teacher will partner with the child's regular preschool teacher and parent to identify strategies to help the child be successful on accomplishing these goals.

This can include finding ways to include opportunities to practice the skills in everyday activities and routines, modeling specific instructional techniques or direct instruction.

Flexibility

The itinerant teacher serves children in a variety of locations, some options include:

- In the home
- Day care center
- Head Start classroom
- Community preschool



Benefits

Itinerant services can be a great option for some children. With itinerant services, a child can remain in a familiar setting, with typically developing peers.

When the itinerant teacher and early childhood teacher partner together, the child can make strides towards meeting their goals every day, not just when the itinerant teacher is present.

The early childhood teacher has invaluable knowledge about the child's daily activities and strengths and needs. The itinerant teacher has had specific training in helping children with delays.

If a child is eligible for speech, occupational or physical therapy, the IEP team will determine the most appropriate method of providing the child with those services. Together, they make a great team.