



## Special Education

Department

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Extension 1101

### EC MISSION STATEMENT:

To work with the family to develop and implement an individual educational plan for the child's special needs.

#### Philosophy:

To provide a safe place for children to learn through a developmentally appropriate curriculum which includes socialization skills and hands-on activities

#### Belief Statement

Learning needs to be appropriate and consistent with the child's needs

### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

*The Kewaskum School District strives to create and enhance an educational environment that is consistent with community expectations, and challenges students to be their best.*

**KEWASKUM SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

***Educational  
Programming  
for 3 to 6 year olds  
with  
Special Needs***



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# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## What is Early Childhood?

Federal law mandates that school districts provide children with the following disabilities, ages 3-21, with a free, appropriate public education designed to meet their needs:

Cognitive disabilities  
Hearing impairment  
Speech & Language impairment  
Visual impairment  
Emotional/Behavioral disabilities  
Orthopedic impairment  
Autism  
Traumatic brain injury  
Specific learning disability  
Other health impairment  
Significant developmental delay

The Kewaskum School District's Early Childhood program serves 3 to 6 year old children who are identified as having one of the above disabilities. Any parent of a 3 to 6 year old with concerns regarding the child's development, may contact the school for referral and evaluation by district personnel to determine eligibility for the Early Childhood program.

If the child qualifies for the Early Childhood program, the parent meets with Early Childhood teacher and other school staff as necessary to develop an individualized educational program plan based on the child's specific needs.

## Program Description

The Early Childhood class meets four half days per week, Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays are set aside as days for the Early Childhood teacher to make home visits. The purpose of such visits is to enable the teacher to discuss the child's progress, to share strategies and ideas and to model a lesson.

### **Daily activities for the Early Childhood class include:**

\* **Circle:** group participation in finger plays, songs, literature

\* **Play:** guided play, individual projects, therapy and social skill development

\* **Snack:** guided socialization and self-help skills

\* **Art:** individual projects that focus on fine motor skill development and following directions

\* **Music:** group participation in songs, rhythm, rhymes and music

\* **Physical Education:** focus on gross motor skills as well as group interaction and following directions

\* **Occupational , physical and speech and language therapy services are provided for those students found to be in need of such services**

## Goals OfThe Early Childhood

- To address the special needs of the 3 to 6 year old child with disabilities
- To work closely with the child's family
- To enhance the child's skill development in various areas including:
  - Socialization
  - Motor skills
  - Readiness
  - Language
  - Art and music awareness
  - Community awareness
  - Personal responsibility and independence

