

KETTERING CITY SCHOOLS INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM- FAQ's

1. What is Kettering's Integrated Preschool Program?

The Integrated Preschool Program provides an engaging and developmentally appropriate learning environment for young children 3, 4 and 5 years of age. Our goal is to provide:

- A high quality pre-kindergarten program for young children with and without special needs.
- An opportunity for children with special needs to learn in an environment that includes typically developing peers as mentors.
- Additional services as needed, for students with special needs.
- Provide a multi-year preschool experience to prepare students for Kindergarten.
- The Integrated Preschool Program uses the Creative Curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards.

2. What are the special features of the program?

- Licensed early learning childhood staff
- Ohio Department of Education 5-Star Rated
- Creative Curriculum aligned with Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Development Standards
- Lower student to teacher ratio
- Use of developmentally appropriate practices and positive behavior supports.

3. Where are our classrooms located?

The Integrated Preschool Program has five locations within the Kettering School District.

Classrooms are located at the following sites:

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| • Kettering Early Childhood Education Center | (937)499-1450 |
| • Greenmont Elementary | (937)499-1850 |
| • Indian Riffle Elementary | (937)499-1720 |
| • Oakview Elementary | (937)499-1870 |
| • Beavertown Elementary | (937)499-1740 |

4. What are our hours of operations?

The Integrated Preschool Program offers morning & afternoon sessions, Monday through Thursday and follows the Kettering City School Calendar for holidays, breaks and conferences.

- Morning session: 8:30am to 11am
- Afternoon session: 12:15pm to 2:45pm
- Itinerant services (traveling special educator) are available, a minimum of four monthly visits for eligible students.

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5. What are the costs?

The cost for typically developing Mentor Students is \$1600 per year or \$160 per month. Payments are due at the beginning of each month. Families can apply for a tuition waiver each school year to cover part or all of the tuition cost. Completed ODE Eligibility Screening Tool and income verification must be submitted to be considered for a waiver. The Preschool Promise program also offers tuition assistance for children who are 4-years-old and have completed the waiver process. Eligibility Screening Tool are available at your child's school office. Students with an IEP participate at no cost to the parents.

6. How are students registered for preschool services?

If you have concerns about your child's development and would like your child evaluated, contact our Parent Mentor, Julia Timberlake. Parents of children with identified special needs (IEP) should contact Dawn Potter for registration information.

Parents of typically developing peer mentors can go to www.ketteringschools.org for a registration packet. The following information must be included as part of the registration process for all Integrated Preschool students:

- Completed registration packet
- Original birth certificate- we will make a copy
- Copy of current immunizations, physical and dental exams
- Proof of Residency (ie. copy of a utility bill, rental receipt, mortgage statement, etc)
- Indicate AM or PM placement preference (We will try to accommodate)
- Proof of custody (if applicable)
- A \$20 non-refundable fee due with registration (Checks OR Money Orders should be made payable to the Kettering City School District)
- Completed Tuition Assistance packet along with proof of income (ie copy of 2017 tax return).

Peer Mentor students must be toilet trained. Parents must submit a current physical exam, immunization record, completed dental form, along with their registration packet and \$20 non-refundable check/money order prior to starting school.

7. Contact for more information?

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