



Somerville Public Schools The Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP)

Integrated Preschool
Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center
8:30 am - 1:45 pm for 5 days/week,

ECIP Integrated Preschool Program Information

The Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) of Somerville Public Schools offers an Integrated Preschool Program designed to meet the needs of children ages 3-5 that have been identified in need of specially designed instruction due to a disability. The Integrated Preschool Program includes other preschool children from the community to serve as typically developing peers. Peers being considered for admission must be 3 years old by March 15, 2021 and will be screened. The purpose of the screening is to review a child's development and to assist in the identification of those children who should be referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility for special education services.

The ECIP Integrated Preschool Program is an inclusive, multi-sensory program that serves both children with special needs and typically developing children from the community often referred to as "peer models." Students with and without disabilities benefit from this philosophy, as the classes provide rich, language-based curriculum with a multi-sensory, developmental approach to teaching. There is strong commitment to helping all children develop self-respect, positive peer relationships, self-control, and friendships based on mutual respect.

To have your child considered as a peer model in the ECIP program you must be a Somerville resident, your child must turn 3 by March 15, 2021. Children who are 4 years old by August 31st may register for the Somerville Public Schools SMILE Preschool Program. ECIP peer model students should be toilet trained upon start date. If you are interested in having your child participate in the lottery as a peer model an informational meeting will be held virtually on March 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

Informational Meeting/Lottery Form Deadline

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

The virtual Zoom link for the Information Meeting will be posted on the website on March 10, 2021.

Lottery Forms will be available at this time. Forms will also be available on the Somerville Public Schools website (www.k12.somerville.ma.us). All lottery forms must be completed by Friday, April 9, 2021. We will hold a lottery on May 7, 2021. Parents will be notified by email to schedule a peer model screening. All other children will be placed on a wait list and notified by email of their wait list number.