

Frequently Asked Questions

- ◇ **Is it required that my child is toilet trained prior to attending a screening?**

Independent toileting is not required at the time of the screening.

- ◇ **Will I be able to participate in classroom activities with my child?**

While your child is engaged in classroom activities, you will have the opportunity to attend an informational session. The team might ask you to join your child within the classroom if they feel it necessary.

- ◇ **Do I need to attend the parent information session that occurs during the screening?**

Yes! Members of our Early Childhood team will share important information with you regarding the school readiness.

- ◇ **Should I pack a snack for my child?**

In accordance with the NPS food and nutrition services guidelines, your child will be provided a small snack of goldfish and apple juice.

School Readiness

Patricia Estill, Director of Special Projects, Commission on children, stated, "School readiness is not awareness of numbers and letters. **It is health, good motor skills, and language development. It is curiosity, the capacity to share with other children and the ability to follow through on a goal.**

Children who have developed these skills by age six will easily learn to read and write."

Early intervention has been shown to be the single most important factor in enhancing the development of children in preparing them for success when they enter school.

Awareness of your child's development is the first step in helping your child achieve his or her potential.

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Early Childhood Screening

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PLEASE JOIN US!

Your preschool aged child is invited to an Early Childhood Screening at the Newington Public Schools! Children will have the opportunity to visit an Early Childhood Classroom with other children their age.

During the screening, we will have centers open for your child to participate in; including playdoh, puzzles, drawing, blocks, and a story. Participation in these activities will allow the staff to observe your child's speech and language skills, motor skills, social skills, and cognitive skills. Your child will also participate in a small snack time.

While your child is engaged in classroom activities, you will participate in an information session.

This visit will provide you with information regarding your child's development and give an opportunity for early contact with the school.



Early Childhood Screening

Appointments take place at:

John Paterson Elementary School

120 Church Street

(860)666-4657

Appointments are available from:

9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

Or

10:15a.m.– 11:15a.m.

Appointments are available on:

- ◇ October 18, 2018
- ◇ January 10, 2019
- ◇ March 7, 2019

Please call John Paterson School from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday to reserve a space for your child.

Your child must attend a screening appointment if you would like him/her to be entered into the lottery for peer models in the Newington Preschool Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!