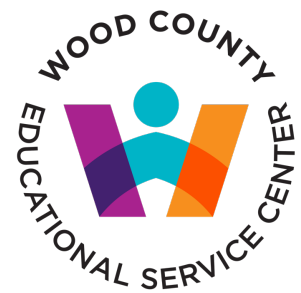


Wood County Early Childhood Services

Serving Wood County School Districts
Eastwood ° North Baltimore ° Northwood



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What is the Wood County Early Childhood Services?

The Wood County Early Childhood Program is a developmentally-appropriate, integrated program providing services to children with and without special needs from the ages of 3–5. Eastwood and North Baltimore preschoolers attend four half-days per week. Northwood preschoolers attend five half-days per week; older Northwood preschoolers may have a full 5 days/week option. All preschools follow their school district's calendar.

What will children learn during a typical day?

Our curriculum is endorsed by the Ohio Department of Education. It is a play-based curriculum which supports children's learning in all areas of development and creates a foundation for school-age achievement. Your child will be involved in hands-on learning experiences where children cooperate, talk to peers and adults, make choices, and solve problems in a language-rich learning environment. Art, music, and motor activities are an integral part of the curriculum.

What services are provided for children with special needs?

Children with identified special needs will have an individual educational plan addressing areas of delay. Support for learning is provided by a team of specialists which may include the preschool psychologist, speech therapist, vision specialist, audiologist, adaptive physical education teacher, occupational therapist, and physical therapist.

How do I refer my child for a special needs evaluation?

If you have concerns about your child's speech, motor skills, behavior, etc., please phone us at 419-354-9010. Screenings and assessments may be conducted as appropriate. If delays are identified, children with special needs will be offered services via an IEP.

For Typically-Developing children:

Typically-developing children who are **toilet trained** will be enrolled based on the vacancy available, or may be placed on the waiting list if all typical spots are filled. To request a Pre-Registration Form, contact us at 419-354-9010 or visit www.wcesc.org to download one.

What makes our program unique?

- Collaboration between your local school system and the Wood County Educational Service Center.
- Curriculum aligned with Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards.
- Licensed by the Ohio Department of Education.
- Programs participate in Step Up to Quality, Ohio's quality rating and improvement system.
- Highly-trained teachers with master degrees.
- Teachers with certification in early childhood and special education.
- Children with and without special needs have an opportunity to learn and grow together.
- A highly-qualified team of specialists from the WCESC support children's learning and development.
- Child/teacher ratio based on Ohio Department of Education policy with at least 2 adults in each classroom.
- Curriculum appropriate to age and developmental level of child.
- Preschool classes are located within your school district.
- All incomes are welcome—children without special needs are charged tuition based on family size and income.

