

# Preschool



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**COLCHESTER**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# Preschool Road Show

## Today's Presentation

- ❑ History of Colchester Preschool
- ❑ Enrollment and Service Model
- ❑ Colchester Partnership
- ❑ Collaboration Consultation and Trainings



# History of Colchester EEE and Preschool

Self contained Special Education Program

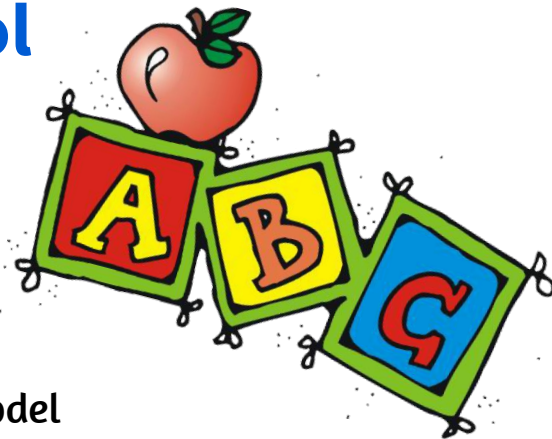
Regular Education Teacher with limited number of “peers”

2 Regular Education Teachers move to Preschool model

**Act 166**



2 ½ Regular Teachers, PreQualified Program



## Location Fact

Our preschool has had several homes. It started at the White Meeting House, then switched between PPS and UMS. Even splitting between the two buildings before finding its current home at MBS.

# Staffing

Year	Special Educator	Speech Language	Support Staff	General Education Teacher	Preschool Facilitator	Total Sessions
2017-2018	2.5	2	4	2.5	0.5	5
2015-2016	2.5	2	5	2.0	0.5	4
2013-2014	2.5	2	6.5	1.0	0.5	5*
2011-2012	2.0	1.6	5.5	1.0	0	3*
2001-2002	1	1	2	0	0	2*

# Enrollment Process

## CURRENT STUDENTS

(WHO ARE NOT GOING TO KINDERGARTEN)

- Have first option to return
- Sign a letter of intent to return
- Guaranteed a position

## NEW STUDENTS REQUIREMENTS

- 3 yrs old before September 1st
- Attend Information Session in March
- Complete screening questionnaires

## ALL STUDENTS

- ★ Administration places students in classes
- ★ A waitlist is formed if more than 75 children have expressed an interest in program

# Student Enrollment

Preschool Data					
CSD Preschool Program	15-16	16-17	Oct 2017	Feb 2018	April 2018
Total Students	74	75	67	73	74
Special Education Students	44	36	21	22	21
General Education Students	30	39	46	51	55
OUTREACH	-	-	25	34	39

# Preschool Service Model

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

8:30 - 11:15 Morning Session

12:00 - 2:45 Afternoon Session

- ★ Creative Curriculum and Homemade Curriculum
- ★ Based on Vermont Early Learning Standards
- ★ Assessed by the Teaching Strategies Gold



# Special Education Service Model

## Services

- Push in to classrooms
- Pull out
- Individual
- Small Group
- 1:1 support

## Child Find

- Screenings
- Evaluations
- Transition from CIS



## Playgroups

- MBS
- White Meeting House
- Multi-Age Birth-3

## CLINIC

- SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION AT MBS
- KIDS WHO TURN 3 YRS OLD AFTER SEPT 1



# Outreach Sites in Colchester

**Early Years Child  
Development Center**

**Adventures in Learning**

**Carolyn's  
Red  
Balloon**

**Future Einsteins**

**Headstart**

**Home**

**Freedom Rains**

**Tiny Tots  
Academy**

**St. Michael's  
Child Center**

**Little Lakers Academy**

# Act 166 Partnerships

184 students in 50 partnering centers



Provide 10 hours of preschool per week



Students must be 3 years old by September 1st



Centers must be qualified through the State



Classes are taught by licensed teacher



Families receive tuition funding up to \$3,178 per child  
*(2018-19 tuition funding has increased to \$3,267)*

## Intent of law:

To increase the access to and quality of child care to children in Vermont

# Collaboration, Consultation and Trainings

## Community Courses

- Social emotional development
- Sensory \ regulation

## Collaboration

- Shared in-service support
- Site visits
- Director to director support

## Consultation

- Crisis support (phone/in person)
- Behavioral supports and planning
- Modeling instructional and behavioral strategies





# Questions and Comments



"Play is the highest  
form of research."

Albert Einstein

