

Successful School to School Transitions:

Looking Forward: Entering Preschool

If your child has been receiving Early Intervention/Part C services through Foothills Gateway, these services end when your child turns 3. If your child continues to have significant delays in a developmental area and it is impacting learning and skill performance, Foothills Gateway will start Transition Planning with you 2-4 months prior to your child's third birthday. This will involve having the school district re-evaluate your child for eligibility for services in the school district's preschool program. This information may be helpful as you begin to consider preschool services:

- The service document supporting your child's needs will change from an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Your child's goals and objectives are educationally and socially based for learning and classroom participation skills
- Services on your child's IEP, such as Speech, Occupational and/or Physical Therapy, will be provided in a preschool classroom instead of at home
- Your primary contact will switch from a "Service Coordinator" to a "Case Manager" who is the early childhood classroom teacher or speech-language pathologist
- Your child may be provided services in an Integrated Classroom Setting with up to 16 children; some with identified disabilities, some with typical development
- All early childhood classrooms have a foundation in general education curriculum; the IEP will determine what supports, services, and modifications need to be made to help support your child's learning
- Parents are welcome to volunteer in preschool classrooms, following PSD visitor and volunteer policies
- Each classroom has a designated diaper-changing area
- The outdoor play area is designated for preschool students
- Transportation may be provided on an individual basis

Communication methods between home and school will be determined on an individual basis.

We are excited to partner with you on your child's educational journey! These are just a few things to consider as you prepare to support your child as they move on to a new school. This list is not intended to be all inclusive, as each student's experience can be unique based on their individual needs. If you have input or suggestions regarding this document, please contact the Integrated Services Parent Liaison at (970) 490-3225.

