Covered Bridge Special Education District's early childhood programs serve children ages 3 through 5 who meet the criteria for eligibility for special education services under developmental delay, speech impairment, and/or language impairment and would benefit from early intervention.

Services are tailored to each child's unique needs through a comprehensive screening and evaluation process. A case conference committee determines eligibility according to state and federal guidelines; our continuum of services ranges from speech-only therapy to a more intensive developmental preschool classroom.

Program Details

Schedule: Classes run for 2.5 hours a day, up to 4 days per week.

Integrated Support: Therapies are integrated into the daily routine by licensed therapists and classroom teachers.

Staffing: In addition to the special education classroom teacher, each classroom is staffed with dedicated instructional assistants to support every child's individual needs.

Our early childhood staff is committed to creating a warm, nurturing environment where your child can grow, learn, and reach their full potential.

Request an Evaluation

If you have concerns about your child's development and would like to request an evaluation for our programs, please fill out the form below. A member of our evaluation team will contact you to schedule a developmental screening once the form has been received.

CBSED Developmental Preschool Intake Form

Early Childhood Programs

The Covered Bridge Special Education District works closely with participating school districts to provide special education services for children ages 3 through 5 as required by State and Federal regulations. Opportunities to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) are provided through developmental preschool classes, language development classes, speech therapy, and consultation to general education preschool programs. Program placement is determined by each child's case conference committee which includes parents, teachers, an administrator, and at least one evaluation team member.

Special education services for children with diagnosed disabilities/developmental delays:

- Available for children ages three (3) through five (5) who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten
- Screening/assessment
- Consultation
- Developmental preschool class (currently half-day sessions in 9 (nine) Vigo County Elementary schools, one (1) South Vermillion school, and one (1) Rockville school)

- Speech therapy services at all classroom sites as well as a two-day per week language development class and one day per week articulation class provided at the CBSED Preschool Speech and Language Office at Sarah Scott Middle School
- All special education related services (e.g., OT and PT) available to any child who qualifies for specific related service
- Transportation provided by local school corporation when warranted
- As a mandated public school program, there is no fee for children who qualify for the program

Related Information Links

Early Childhood Meeting Place
(earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu)

Community Alliance and Services for Young Children
(casyonline.org)

Hamilton Center, Inc.
(hamiltoncenter.org)

First Steps
(infirststeps.com)

Western Indiana Community Action Agency
(wicaa.org)

Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana
(capwi.org)