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Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96

Our Mission

Ensure every child achieves his or her maximum potential

Our Vision

Become the premier elementary school district in the nation

Our Values

Model for others what we expect *from* others.

Every child, every school, every day

Best practice, not first practice

Learning has no boundaries

Celebrate success



**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

Early Childhood Programs



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**Every child.
Every school.
Every day.**

Early Childhood Programs, Ages 3-5

The District 96 early childhood and special education programs offer a range of options. Instruction is provided at the Willow Grove Kindergarten & Early Childhood Center, 777 Checker Drive, Buffalo Grove.

The *Early Childhood Program* in District 96 serves children ages 3-5 years old (pre-Kindergarten). Each classroom has an Early Childhood Teacher with special education endorsement and an aide.

Speech & Language Services

Speech and Language Services include students 3-5 years old (pre- Kindergarten) with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Speech services may include itinerant services through the speech and language pathologist.

Blended Early Childhood

Blended Early Childhood Classrooms include students 3-5 years old (pre-Kindergarten) with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), as well as community peers, whose families pay tuition for their child to attend the program.

In a Blended Early Childhood Classroom, approximately 30 percent of the students have an IEP; about 70 percent are community peers.

Instruction occurs primarily in groups – both large and small. The focus includes building skills to:

- follow Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards
- participate in group discussions (with minimal adult assistance);
- develop more mature attending skills;
- develop appropriate large-group behavior and social skills.

Blended Early Childhood students attend school Monday – Friday:

- AM Session: 8:40 AM — 11:10 AM
- PM Session: 12:35 PM— 3:05 PM

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Early Childhood Special Education Classrooms (ECSE) include students 3-5 years old (pre-Kindergarten) with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Class size is smaller than the Blended Early Childhood Classroom.

Instruction occurs individually and in groups. The focus includes building skills to:

- follow Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards
- build independence
- direct instruction in expected school routines

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program students attend school Monday – Friday:

- 8:40 AM — 11:10 AM

Structured Program

Structured Program Classrooms include students 3-5 years old (pre-Kindergarten) with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Class size is smaller than the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Classroom.

Services provided through a team approach to problem-solving include (but are not limited to) the following:

- grade-level academic skills
- functional academic skills
- communication skills
- social skills
- self-management skills
- independence skills
- decision-making skills
- recreation/leisure skills

Structured Program students attend school Monday – Friday:

- 8:40 AM — 2:40 PM

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