

Aurora City Schools Integrated Preschool Program Handout

Miller Elementary School, 646 S. Chillicothe Rd, Aurora, OH 44202

Our preschool program is a five star rated step up to quality preschool program that operates half day preschool sessions. Our morning session is 8:40 - 11:30 AM (Monday – Thursday and every other Friday). Our afternoon Session is 12:40 - 3:20 PM (Monday - Thursday and every other Friday). We follow the Aurora City School Calendar.

What is an Integrated Preschool?

As an Integrated Preschool, Aurora Schools serves children of all abilities. We serve typically developing children as well as those a variety of special needs ranging from mild, moderate, to severe.

What are the qualifications of the staff?

The preschool program is staffed with highly qualified teachers and assistants. The teachers have Bachelors and/or Master degrees. The assistants have a variety of backgrounds and training as outlined in the preschool licensing and Step up to Quality standards.

Is Transportation provided?

Children who are accepted into our program as a community peer are not provided with bus transportation. The parent is responsible for the child's transportation to and from preschool. Children with disabilities are provided transportation by the school district due to federal and state requirements.

Does my child need to be potty trained?

Yes, your child needs to be potty trained by August 1st, 2019 in order to be permitted to attend the program. All community peer or role model students must meet this requirement.

How much does preschool cost?

Currently Preschool costs \$2,000 per year. (This amount can increase in the future dependent upon School Board action.) Payments are due by semester. A \$400 deposit is due at registration in order to secure a spot for your child in our program. The first semester payment of \$800 is due on 8/1/2019 and the second semester deposit of \$800 is due on 1/15/2020.

What if a parent has concerns about the child's development or the child's doctor has expressed concerns?

Please contact Erin Bradic, the preschool school psychologist, at 330.954.2123 or email her at ebradic@aurora-schools.org as soon as possible to discuss your concerns.

What are the qualifications for becoming a community peer?

You must submit a completed lottery interest application available at www.aurora-schools.org or by visiting the Miller School Main office. Applications will be available October 1st - October 31st. You will be notified via US Mail of your assigned lottery number. A lottery number is not a guarantee that your child will come to our preschool program. We only fill a limited number of spots in our program each school year. All Community peers must model developmental skills within the classroom setting especially in the areas of communication and social emotional development. All community peers will attend a preschool screening to assess their development

in the areas of:

- Cognition
- Social Awareness
- Communication
- Fine and Gross Motor

Screenings are conducted in a small group setting. Children will participate in a play group that is conducted by the preschool teachers, school psychologist, and speech therapist. During the screening the teachers and therapists will observe the children during play and complete a screening survey. Parents will complete a parent survey too during that time.

Is there a Curriculum for Integrated Preschool with goals and benchmarks?

Yes we use a research based curriculum called the Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System (AEPS) that aligns to the Ohio Early Learning Developmental Standards. All children in the program are assessed at least two times per year in all six developmental domains. The results are then reported to parents. We also have parent teacher conferences in the Fall and Spring in order to update parents on their child's progress. Teachers communicate frequently via classroom newsletters, email, and phone calls.