



2025-26 Preschool Transition

Objectives:

- Create a cohesive bridge between Pre-school Special Education Services and School-Age Services to ensure a smooth transition for each child
- Develop relationships with school district personnel to foster open lines of communication.
- Provide a structure and timeline for the months leading up to the first day of kindergarten.

Transition Process

- **Fall 2025 -**
 - Attend Parent Night via Zoom 11/5/2025 @ 6:00 PM
 - Sign release of records to allow district access to documents
- **Winter 2026 –**
 - Participate in a Virtual Transition Meeting with district personnel
 - Discuss your child's current programming as well as strengths and needs.
 - The district team will discuss your child's specific transition plan.
- **Winter/Spring 2026**
 - Register your child for kindergarten with the district.
 - Complete paperwork as requested by the Special Education Department
 - Meet with staff to review programming for your child.

District Contacts:

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