

EXCEL Inclusive Preschool Program



The EXCEL Inclusion Application is now available for the 2025-2026 school year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The EXCEL program, **Experiential Center for Early Learning**, provides children with a high-quality, developmentally appropriate preschool program run by professional educators. The EXCEL program is an inclusive preschool that provides services for children with special needs and their typical peers together within one setting. Enrollment of students with special needs is done through a Planning and Placement Team process.

Inclusion students, a.k.a. "community friends," are enrolled through an application and lottery system. Our community friends receive the benefit of a high-quality preschool program while serving as role models for the children with special needs.

Therefore, it is important that the children who participate in the program as community friends demonstrate the following:

1. Age appropriate skills.
2. Possess strong English language skills and social skills to encourage interaction among all children.
3. Be toilet trained and demonstrate independence in the bathroom.

If you are interested in applying for the EXCEL Program as a community friend (role model student), please click on the link for the application on the main EXCEL page.