

A. PRESCHOOL SCREENING:

Dedham Public Schools offers a developmental screening on an individual request basis throughout the year for any child between the ages of 2.9 through 5 years who is a resident of Dedham. Screening dates for the 2007/2008 school year are as follows:

Wednesday, October 17 12:30-3:00 PM

Thursday, December 13 12:30-3:00 PM

Wednesday, February 27 12:30-3:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6 12:30-3:00 PM

Parents who may be concerned about their child's development in the areas of cognition, speech (articulation) and language, socialization, behavior and/or motor should call to schedule an appointment. Appointments for a preschool screening can be made by calling the Early Childhood Education Center office at 781-461-5978.

While this screening does not constitute a special education evaluation, the results can be helpful in providing information regarding the child's strengths and weaknesses. If the screening does identify an area of need or the need for more in-depth information, a referral for a more extensive and formal special education evaluation will be recommended.

B. PRESCHOOL

The screening of incoming preschool students for the 2008/2009 four-year-old program will take place on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. Children entering the three-year-old program in the fall of 2008 will attend a screening on Thursday, May 29, 2008. Parents will be notified of the exact time. If a child has difficulty with one or more of the screening developmental areas, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted to discuss additional options or to determine whether further evaluation may be appropriate.

C. KINDERGARTEN:

The screening of registered kindergarten students will take place early in the 2008/2009 school year. Parents will be notified of the exact dates. If a child has difficulty with one or more of the screening developmental areas, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted to determine next steps, and whether further evaluation may be appropriate.