CSMS Early Childhood Center

FAQ document

* **What are the advantages to having an EC center at CSMS?**
  + This is an exciting opportunity for the Cold Springs community, which has typically had limited educational options for our youngest learners.
  + Consolidation of programming at a single site will increase the efficiency of providing services to our students, including related services and community services.
  + The concentration of early childhood educators will increase collaborative opportunities, PLC discussions, and lesson planning cooperation for teachers and other staff.
  + Having EC programs alongside a middle school will create opportunities for multi-age collaborative learning. This setting will facilitate interactions between older students and young learners, fostering a sense of community and mentorship.
* **Will EC students be required to wear uniforms?**
  + No uniforms will be required for EC students.
* **How will breakfast and lunch be handled for EC students?**
  + Breakfast will be provided for full day students and for students who attend ½ day in the morning session.
  + EC students will eat lunch in the cafeteria on a rotation to ensure they are the only students in the lunchroom during their lunch times. They will be provided with a WCSD hot lunch if they do not bring lunch from home.
* **How are typical peers selected for the integrated EC programs?**
  + Typical peers will be screened and selected according to the WCSD guidelines by the individual Special Education Teacher assigned to the Inclusive Classroom. Please direct your inquiries about enrolling as a peer model to the CSMS office so they can pass on your information to the teachers selecting peer models. Teachers will contact interested families before the close of the 23-24 school year or upon returning for the 24-25 school year.
* **Will students have access to related services personnel?**
  + Yes, if a student has related services written into their IEP, they will receive the services as outlined. The consolidation of the programs will increase the efficiency of this service provision, as the providers can provide services in one location, instead of travelling to multiple locations.
* **Will transportation be provided?**
  + Only students who have transportation written into their IEP will receive transportation to the EC center. Typical peers and students in the NV Ready program will not receive transportation.
* **Will there be a teacher aide/assistant assigned to the program?**
  + Yes, teacher assistants are assigned to the program. Hours will be consistent with programs around WCSD.
* **How will students enter and exit the building?**
  + EC students will enter and exit the building through a locked exterior door, separate from where the middle school students enter and exit.
* **What kind of play equipment will be available for students?**
  + There will be one indoor playground as well as outside play equipment.
  + Indoor- play structure designed for young learners, sensory play equipment, soft toys, etc.
  + Outdoor-tricycles, balls, hoops, etc.
* **Will students receive specials, such as library, music, computers, and PE?**
  + The classroom teacher will be responsible for PE, and music and library will be scheduled for the classes.
  + Age-appropriate technology use is part of the Nevada PreK Standards and is built into the curriculum.
* **What curriculum will be used, and will it be provided?**
  + Classrooms will use the Frog Street curriculum, which will be provided by WCSD.
* **How and when will I be notified that my child is eligible to apply to the program?**
  + If you are interested in enrolling your child in the General Education Classroom, please complete [this survey](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SfWsPDZezEGj3olFnhId7-Ek8iBECCZEudbn8hRwK0tUQkQxVzc1V0FKVjJQNExGRDgxWkNUWFdPOS4u) which collects contact information, child’s age and income qualifications. Once completed, Child and Family Services enrollment staff will review the eligibility and contact you with next steps.
* **What are the ECE school hours?**
  + Full day EC programs: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30-3:30.
  + ½ day EC programs: am session 9:30-12:00; pm session 1:00-3:30.
  + EC strategies programs: Monday-Friday, 10:15-3:30 (Wednesday Early release: 10:45-2:45)
* **Does the program offer an after-and before school program?**
  + Before and after school programs are not offered
* **How can I get transportation for my child?**
  + Only students who have IEPs and have transportation as a related service are eligible to receive transportation.
* **If my child is currently attending the ECE specialized program at the affected schools, what do I need to do to sign up for this new program?**
  + You will need to complete the online registration process. Please contact your current school office if you have questions.
* **Who do I contact if I want my child to be evaluated for special education services?**
  + You can contact [childfindintake@washoeschools.net](mailto:childfindintake@washoeschools.net) for more information about the evaluation process.
* **More information about general education Grant funded early childhood programs can be found** [**here**](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=SfWsPDZezEGj3olFnhId7-Ek8iBECCZEudbn8hRwK0tUQkQxVzc1V0FKVjJQNExGRDgxWkNUWFdPOS4u)**.**