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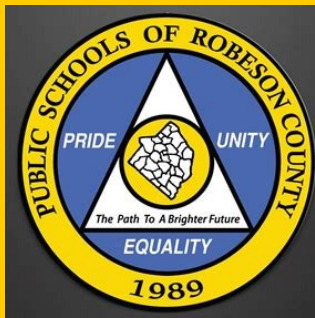
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# About Shining Stars

Shining Stars Preschool is a collaborative effort between the Public Schools of Robeson County, North Carolina Pre-kindergarten Program & Exceptional Children's Program. Services are provided for children ages 3-5 in an inclusive setting. Shining Stars is nationally accredited & holds a five-star license from the Division of Child Development.

Our Program offers enrichment & educational activities similar to other inclusive preschools; in addition, Shining Stars provides therapeutic services & a strong family & community involvement component. Special Education Instruction is provided by teachers licensed by the state of North Carolina. Identified exceptional children receive their services in the inclusive setting. Related services (i.e. speech, physical therapy, occupational therapy, hearing impaired therapy & visually impaired therapy) are offered at our two sites as well as various centers & homes throughout our county.

Our Programs strongly encourage & reinforce self-esteem, self-control & self-respect as well as implementing many quality activities that positively influence growth in a child's physical, mental, emotional & social skills with caring & dedicated staff members.

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## Exceptional Children Division

Exceptional Children Division provides services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to NC children & youth ages 3 - 21 who have disabilities.

### Division Mission

The mission of the Exceptional Children Division is to ensure that students with disabilities develop intellectually, physically, emotionally, & vocationally through the provision of an appropriate individualized education program in the least restrictive environment.

### Exceptional Children's Preschool Program

The Exceptional Children's Preschool Program provides special education & related services to children as outlined by the child's Individual Education Program (IEP).

The services can be provided in a variety of settings depending on the child's special educational needs. Many times the services are provided in the child's natural setting. Children this age typically are at home, attend daycare, preschool, or a Head Start program. The EC Preschool program has special education teachers, speech therapists, occupational therapists, & physical therapists that provide special education to children in these settings. Sometimes children may need to receive their special education in a special class or in a special school. The program also has designated sites in the county where parents can bring their children for speech therapy services. The type, frequency, & location of a child's special education services are determined by the child's IEP team.

### What do I do if I think my child may need special educational services through the Preschool EC Program?

Parents can call the Shining Stars & make a referral for screening/evaluation. Preschool staff will then conduct screenings (hearing, vision, speech/language, developmental) to determine what type of evaluation your child may require to identify any special educational need.

### What if my child fails some or all of the screening?

With your permission, your child will receive evaluations in the areas of concern identified as delayed during the screening process. Once the evaluations are completed you will be asked to attend a meeting to determine if your child is eligible for special education services. If your child is eligible, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be developed for your child.

### Shining Stars Exceptional Children's Preschool Program

Shining Stars promotes the development & successful participation of North Carolina's preschool-age exceptional children in a broad range of activities & contexts, including their homes, early learning programs, & communities.

The preschool diagnostic team works with families conducts referrals, evaluations, & determine eligibility for special education services. Student currently identified for services receive services in a variety of ways, including school-based & itinerant services.