

Acton-Boxborough Regional School District Preschool Screening Program

Early childhood screening is a way of observing a child's development in areas such as speech and language, learning, social growth, fine and gross motor, vision and hearing. A screening can provide information about a child's strengths and areas of weakness, and also provides an opportunity for parents to discuss their concerns.

Federal Law, Individuals with Disabilities Act, contains regulations that include public screening of children, ages 3-5. Parents and persons in a care giving or professional position concerned with the student's development may request such a screening. Parents may question whether or not their child has a special need that could interfere with future learning.

The Acton-Boxborough School system conducts a Preschool Screening Program on a continuous basis throughout the school year. Screening results are reviewed with parents. Children who demonstrate significant difficulties may be recommended for a more in-depth special education evaluation which may only be conducted with written parental consent. Parents who would like more information may contact Joe Gibowicz, Early Childhood Coordinator, 978-266-2530; jgibowicz@abschools.org