

ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WILL BE HOSTING TWO INTEGRATED PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 2018-2019

The Allendale School District is pleased to announce that we will continue to host an Integrated Preschool (IPS) Program for the 2018-2019 school year at Hillside School. We welcome interested parents to join us for an IPS Open House at Hillside School on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 2:00PM to 2:30PM to learn more about our Integrated Preschool Program and the curriculum, meet the staff and experience the classroom setting.

The Integrated Preschool Program is different than other preschools in that it incorporates the education of general education preschoolers with preschoolers with special needs. The teacher of an IPS program is certified in both general and special education. Students with special needs are placed in the program through an evaluation process performed by the Department of Special Services.

The Allendale Public School District will offer two levels of IPS programming for the 2018-2019 school year. We will offer one 3 year-old program (9:00AM – 11:30AM). Students for this program must be 3 years old by 10/1/18. There will be one program for 4 year-old program (12:30PM – 3:00PM). Students for this program must be 4 years old by 10/1/18. All children in the program will attend five half days per week. Class size is expected to be held at a maximum of 10 students per program, to include both general and special education students. There are seven (7) available openings in the 3 year-old program for 2018-2019 and three (3) openings in the 4 year-old program. Please note that in order to be accepted in the IPS programs, children **must** be toilet trained.

The Allendale Board of Education is charging tuition for each general education child in the amount of \$4000 for the 10 month IPS program. Each family that is accepted into the IPS program will be required to send a \$400 tuition deposit by July 1, 2018. This will cover tuition for September. Tuition each month will be due on the first of the preceding month, e.g. tuition for October is due on September 1st. The last payment for the year (June) will be due on May 1st.

Applications for general education students are available on the Hillside School website at www.allendalek8.com/hillside and will be accepted until 3:00 PM, Friday, March 23, 2018. Students will be determined by lottery if the number of applications exceeds the available spaces. A waiting list will be developed comprised of additional names in order of the draw. Parents will be notified of acceptance into the IPS Program by Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Transportation services are not provided to general education students. A birth certificate, copy of immunizations, a medical exam, and proof of Allendale residency will be required of those students admitted to the program. Please note that students enrolled in the 3 Year-Old Program in 2018-2019, will be offered first choice for enrollment in the 4 Year-Old Program in 2019-2020.

Parents who have further questions may call Ms. Jo Ann Karamus, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, at 201-327-2020, Ext. 1206.