



ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Department of Special Services
100 Brookside Avenue
Allendale, NJ 07401

January 29, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Allendale School District is pleased to announce that we will continue to host an Integrated Preschool Program for the 2019-2020 school year at Hillside School. Applications are now available for the program.

What is an Integrated Preschool Program?

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 will be 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.

Description of an IPS Program

All children in the program will attend five half days a week. For 2019-2020, we will be offering two levels of IPS programming:

Level of IPS Programs	Length of Session	Number of Openings Available in IPS Program	Birthdate Requirements*
3 Year-Old IPS Program	9:00 AM- 11:30 AM	6 openings for general education students	Must be 3 by 10/1/19*
4 Year-Old IPS Program	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM	5 openings for general education students	Must be 4 by 10/1/19*

****Please note: In order to be accepted in the IPS programs, children must be toilet trained.***

Tuition for IPS Program and Payment Process

To subsidize the cost of this program, the Allendale Board of Education is charging tuition for each general education child in the amount of \$4000 for the 10 month program. Each family that is accepted into the program will be required to send a \$400 tuition deposit by **July 1, 2019**. 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.

Application Process for the IPS Program

Applications for general education students will be accepted until 3:00pm, **Thursday, February 28, 2019**. The application information will be posted on the Hillside School website at www.allendalek8.com/hillside. 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. Parent will be notified of acceptance into the IPS Program by Friday, March 1, 2019.

All interested parents are invited to attend our Integrated Preschool Program **“Open House” on Tuesday, February 12th from 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM** in the Hillside School preschool classroom. The Open House is for parents only and we request that parents make childcare arrangements for their children.

Transportation services are not provided to general education students. A birth certificate, copy of immunizations, a medical exam, and proof of residency will be required of those students admitted to the program. **Please note that students enrolled in the 3 Year-Old Program in 2019-2020, will be offered first choice for enrollment in the 4 Year-Old Program in 2020-2021.**

Parents who have further questions may contact me at 201-327-2020, Ext. 1206.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Karamus

Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction