

Early Childhood Programs

The Covered Bridge Special Education District works closely with participating school districts to provide special education services for children ages 3 through 5 as required by State and Federal regulations. Opportunities to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) are provided through developmental preschool classes, language development classes, speech therapy, and consultation to general education preschool programs. Program placement is determined by each child's case conference committee which includes parents, teachers, an administrator, and at least one evaluation team member.

Special education services for children with diagnosed disabilities/developmental delays:

- Available for children ages three (3) through five (5) who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten
 - [Screening/assessment](#)
 - [Consultation](#)
 - [Developmental preschool class](#) (currently half-day sessions in 9 (nine) Vigo County Elementary schools, one (1) South Vermillion school, and one (1) Rockville school)
- [Speech therapy services](#) at all classroom sites as well as a two-day per week language development class and one day per week articulation class provided at the CBSED Preschool Speech and Language Office at Sarah Scott Middle School
 - All special education related services (e.g., OT and PT) available to any child who qualifies for specific related service
 - Transportation provided by local school corporation when warranted
 - As a mandated public school program, there is no fee for children who qualify for the program

[Typical Peer Program](#) for children without disabilities/developmental delays:

- Available for children who have turned three (3) years old through Kindergarten eligibility age.
- Requires completion of application process
- Tuition fee
- No school-sponsored transportation services

Related Information Links

[Early Childhood Meeting Place](http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu)

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[Community Alliance and Services for Young Children](http://casyonline.org)

(casyonline.org)

[Hamilton Center, Inc.](http://hamiltoncenter.org)

(hamiltoncenter.org)

[First Steps](http://infirststeps.com)

(infirststeps.com)

[Western Indiana Community Action Agency](http://wicaa.org)

(wicaa.org)

[Community Action Program, Inc. of Western Indiana](http://capwi.org)

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