Prekindergarten
Screening Dates:

We provide three screenings in August, October, and February, of each year for children ages 3-5 that reside in Cass School District 63. Prekindergarten screening dates are published in the local papers and notices are sent out electronically via our school website “Note Totes” to all children currently enrolled in Cass School District 63. To schedule an appointment call 331/481-4010.
What is Prekindergarten Screening?

A free developmental screening is a service provided for all prekindergarten children between the ages of three and five who are residents of Cass School District 63. The screenings are held in August, October, and February of each school year and take approximately one hour to complete. The screening program is led by a team of school professionals and includes assessment of vision and hearing, speech and language development, social interaction, fine and large motor coordination, and verbal/written feedback from the parents.

We strongly encourage all parents of children 3 to 5 years of age to take advantage of this screening service and consider the service as a "well child" check. Parents will have an opportunity to meet and consult with school personnel during the screening. If there are any significant concerns, one of the screening team members will contact you by phone prior to the results being mailed. Usually, parents are notified that all is going well with their child’s development.

Eligibility is based on the following:

1. A child that has multiple risk factors, as well as families whose income level is at or below the Federal Poverty Level.

2. Delays in one or more of the following areas: speech and language; vocabulary; cognitive development; language development; fine motor and gross motor.

3. The child comes from a limited or non-English speaking environment.

4. The child exhibits social/behavioral skills that interfere with positive peer and or family interactions as recorded in a parent interview and professional observations.

5. The child exhibits a medically fragile condition as indicated by parent interview and professional observations and/or official documentation.

The At-Risk prekindergarten program is partially funded by a grant through the Illinois State Board of Education. Enrollment is based on results of a Prekindergarten Screening. In order to qualify for placement in the Cass School District 63’s “At-Risk Program,” children must be between the ages of 3-5 and exhibit at-risk characteristics.

The At-Risk prekindergarten program is combined with children who are progressing at a rate typical for their age and pay tuition to attend along with children who are eligible for the Special Education program and have an Individual Education Plan.

Our Prekindergarten program received the “Gold Circle of Quality” from the Illinois State Board of Education, this is the highest level attainable.

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