The Pickerington Preschool is a program that enhances and encourages learning for children with disabilities and typically developing children. We welcome children ages 3-5 years of age, while offering a range of services to children with a qualifying disability; typically developing peers are enrolled on a tuition basis. All children are provided with a typical preschool experience and the opportunity to interact with children of all abilities.

The program is operated according to the Ohio Department of Education standards, federal mandates for the Education of Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act, and state licensure rules and regulations. Preschool teachers must hold a license for the Early Childhood Education Intervention Specialist issued by the Ohio Department of Education.

The philosophy of the program emphasizes developmentally-appropriate activities. The preschool has adopted the Creative Curriculum. With this context, children with disabilities receive play-based, individualized, developmentally-appropriate interventions, including child- and teacher-directed activities. Typically-developing children are an integral component of the program as role models for communication and social interactions.

Advantages of Preschool

* Children build self confidence
* Expand creativity
* Acquire basic mathematic skills
* Strengthen language and motor skills
* Develop good social and behavior management skills
* Gain exposure to letters, numbers, shapes, colors and sounds which are important pre-kindergarten skills
Typical Development

Typically Developing (TD) Children are also accepted into the preschool program to serve as role models. Child should be:

- 3-5 years of age
- Potty Trained
- Screened for eligibility

Screenings take place on Friday. The rate is $165.00 per month for eight months.

Transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

Morning Classes
8-AM-10:30 AM
M-Thurs

Afternoon Classes
11:45AM – 2:15 PM
M – Thurs

Evaluations and Meetings are held
On Friday

Program Service Options

Center-based Classrooms
- Maximum of eight children with special needs and up to eight typically developing children per classroom
- Special education teacher and assistant(s)
- Children may qualify for the following related services:
  - Speech-language pathology
  - Occupational therapy
  - Physical therapy
  - Orientation and mobility
  - Audiology
  - Transportation

Itinerant
- Service delivery may be in the home or at other preschool sites within Pickerington
- One hour per week

Providers:
- Special education teacher
- Speech-language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist