

Milton Early Education Program FAQ

What will the Milton Early Education Program look like for the 2018-19 school year?

The Milton Early Education Program will consist of four classrooms located at Milton Elementary School. Each classroom is licensed to educate up to 15 students and is co-planned and co-taught by Early Childhood Special Educators and Speech Language Pathologists. The program will educate a total of 120 children over the course of the week.

This school-based branch of the program will run four days per week, Monday through Thursday. Three-year old children will attend the morning sessions from 8:30- 11:30 and four-year old children will attend the afternoon sessions from 12:30-3:30. Our program will continue to be an inclusive setting. Approximately half of the slots in each of our four classrooms will be Act 166 placements and half will be students receiving special education services. Transportation will be available through the Milton Town School District's elementary school buses for students arriving and departing from the program. Meals will be available for financially eligible students.

In addition to our school-based branch, our Early Childhood Special Educators and Speech and Language Pathologists will provide services to children in partnering community placements, determined through Act 166. Throughout the week these teachers will provide outreach to eligible children in other preschool settings.

Will there be transportation? Yes, your child can access transportation to and from school through the Milton Town School District's elementary school buses.

Can I request a specific teacher? No, placement decisions will be determined with the goal of creating equitable classrooms.

What happened to the lottery? Based on new state laws, we can no longer have a lottery system and will fill slots on a first-come, first-served basis.

If there is no lottery, how do I enroll? In order to make the registration process equitable, all intake forms will be accepted **in person** (either yourself or designated other) beginning at 8:00am on March 9, 2018. Enter at the Pre-K-5 Office. Forms will be date stamped with the date and time, and initialed by a program representative who will verify the date and time. Starting March 12th, intake forms will be accepted by email or telephone.

How will forms be put in order for first-come, first-served programs? Forms will be date stamped with time submitted beginning on March 9th at 8:00AM. Forms will also be initialed by a program representative verifying the date and time. Forms will be accepted **in person** (either yourself or designated other) on March 9th at 8:00AM.

Can I bring in forms for my friend? Each person in line can submit one intake form unless you have multiple children who are age eligible.

My child is a peer in a 3-year old Milton Early Education Program classroom in the mornings. Will they be able to stay in EEE next year or do we have to re-enroll? Yes your child can stay in the Milton Early

Education Program next year and you will not have to re-enroll. Your child will be placed in an afternoon Act 166 slot.

How many Act 166 slots do you anticipate having during the 2017-18 school year? Act 166 slots at the Milton Early Education Program are limited. We will have approximately 28 three-year old Act 166 slots. At this time, we do not anticipate any open Act 166 slots for four-year olds. Any intake forms received for four-year olds will be added to a waiting list. There are other high quality Act 166 preschool slots open in the community for four-year olds, including an income eligible, full day Pre-Kindergarten program.

What if my child does not get a slot in the Milton Early Education Program? There are other high quality Act 166 preschool slots open in the community. Please contact Wendy Cunningham at (802)893-5549 or wcunningham@mtsd-vt.org.

If my child goes to the Milton Early Education Program, can they access Act 166 funds at a different preschool? No, each child is entitled to one source of publicly funded Pre-Kindergarten education.

What if my child is on an IEP? Placement decisions are made by each child's IEP team. Please contact your child's case manager directly..

Can my child take up an Act 166 slot in the Milton Early Education Program and only attend two or three days a week? No, due to overwhelming interest in the Milton Early Education Program we do not have the flexibility to offer this.

Help - I'm still confused! How can I get clarity on this process? Please contact the Milton Early Education Program at (802)893-5613.