

What is PPCD?

The Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) serves students ages 3-5 years that meet eligibility criteria for one of the disabilities identified by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This program also serves students ages 0-2 years of age that meet eligibility criteria for a hearing or visual impairment. The PPCD program addresses skill areas such as:

- Language
- Articulation
- Fine/Gross Motor Skills
- Social/Emotional
- Behavioral
- Self-Help

What is the first step in a referral?

Referrals for the PPCD program are processed through Mabank ISD by calling the Office of Special Programs at 903-887-9337. Screenings are performed to determine the need for a full evaluation. If needed, the referral packet will be completed and an evaluation will be scheduled. After the evaluation, an Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) meeting will be conducted with school personnel and the parents.

Where would my child receive services?

The ARD committee determines the need for services based on the evaluation and educational need. Placement decisions are made in the ARD meeting, with consideration for the child's individual needs the least restrictive environment. For children needing only speech services, a speech therapist will provide services at the home campus where the child would attend if he/she were old enough to enroll in the kindergarten program. The ARD committee may place a child with significant disabilities in a PPCD program.

Who would work with my child?

PPCD program personnel collaborate with parents, speech therapists, occupations and physical therapists, psychologists and associate psychologists, general education teachers and others to provide the specialized instruction needed for the individual student. These services are provided at no cost to the family. Parental rights and procedural safeguards are assured throughout the process.

What is the parent's role in the PPCD Program?

The school staff wants to work in partnership with the family in order to meet the child's unique needs. Support from the family is very important to make the program successful for the child. Support can come in a variety of ways:

- Provide, birth certificate, school records, and social security number when enrolling the child
- Talk with teachers and support personnel often
- Ask questions if you have concerns
- Work on goals at home
- Attend scheduled ARD meetings
- Participate in school activities
- Provide nutrition and rest at home

Contact Information

If you know a child that may need special education services, please call 903-880-1331. Mabank ISD has a staff of trained professionals ready to help. MISD provides special education and related services for students birth through 21 years. Please call for more information.