

Preschool Inclusion Team
Meeting Notes
November 4, 2015

Attendees: Ann McSweeney, Jana Ruiz, Jennifer Anderson, Aimee Johnson, Wendy Hankin, Maureen Murgo

Janna Ruiz, Director of Special Services, Chester, NH shared information regarding the structure and organization of the Chester preschool inclusion program (see attachment).

Effect on Community Preschool: Chester, Hooksett and Derry programs report that opening up a preschool inclusion program did not negatively impact the community preschool/kindergarten programs.

Program Structure: The program operates on a rolling admission. Currently, there are 3 identified students and 6 typically developing students with a cap of 12 students. The program is multi aged is offered 3 or 4 days a week from 12:00-3:00. Multi-age program. The special education teacher runs the program and also teaches a section of kindergarten. A paraprofessional provides support with implementation of IEP services. They do not have a preschool coordinator on staff. Students must attend inclusionary preschool to access services.

Cost for typically developing students

The program runs for 10 months. 3 days: \$2100. 4 days: \$2800. IDEA monies are used to offset paraprofessional costs, supplies, or equipment as needed. The program is part of the regular budget for most costs though tuition is used to offset tuition costs.

Speech Only Program:

Students who have an IEP for speech services only; they do not require an academic program to advance speech development. They have the option to attend for therapy only or pay tuition for preschool.

Transportation:

Only provided for special education students who require transportation of access their education.