

**What is PREP?**

PREP stands for “Preschool Readiness Education Program”. It is a special education program designed for children ages 3-5 with disabilities or developmental delays.

**What is a Developmental Delay?**

The term significant developmental delay refers to a delay in a child’s development to the extent that, if not provided with special intervention, the delay may adversely affect a child’s educational performance in age-appropriate activities. The term does not apply to children who are experiencing a slight or temporary lag in one or more areas of development or a delay that is primarily due to environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage or lack of experience in age-appropriate activities.

**The five areas of development:**

- **Communication**
- **Cognition**
- **Social/emotional development**
- **Motor Skills**
- **Adaptive (self-help skills)**

# PREP

Big A Elementary  
289 Sorrells Rd.  
Eastanollee, GA 30538  
706-886-2987  
Contact: Pam Wisecup  
pamela.wisecup@stephenscountyschools.org



Works Cited:

Preschool Special Education Frequently Asked Questions,  
<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-nstructionand-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/Pre/Preschool%20FAQs.pdf>

Significant Developmental Delay,  
<https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Pages/Significant-Developmental-Delay.aspx>

# PREP

## Preschool Readiness Education Program



A program in Stephens County for preschool aged children with disabilities or developmental delays

## How is a child referred to PREP?

Parents, doctors, preschool teachers, day care workers, or Babies Can't Wait can make a referral to PREP.

## Who qualifies for PREP?

Children ages 3, 4, or 5 who are found to be eligible due to delays in:

- Communication
- Physical Abilities
- Adaptive Skills
- Social-Behavior Skills
- Cognitive Abilities

Children may also qualify if they have hearing or vision impairments or medical disabilities.

## What is the evaluation process?

Once a child is referred or a parent requests an evaluation, parents will be given a consent to evaluate form that gives Stephens County School District consent to complete the evaluation. After the evaluation is completed, the district will schedule a meeting with parents to review the evaluation results and determine if the child is eligible for special education services. If he/she is found eligible, the committee (including parents) will determine the best services to meet the child's needs and develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the school to use.

## How early can my child be evaluated to determine eligibility?

The evaluation process can begin at 2.5 years old.

## I think my child has special needs and he/she has not turned 2.5 yet. Who should I contact?

Georgia's Early Intervention program is Babies Can't Wait (BCW). This program is administered by the Georgia Department of Public Health. Speak with your pediatrician regarding a referral to Babies Can't Wait.

## Tell me more about PREP



PREP Services may include placement in a Special Education Preschool class at Big A Elementary. PREP classes are either two or three days a week.

PREP Services may be supported by:

- Speech-Language Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Vision Impairment Services
- Hard of Hearing Services
- Special Transportation

## Is there a fee or income requirement to attend PREP?

No. PREP services fall under IDEA, a law that requires that students with disabilities are provided with a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).