



DYSART UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dysart preschool provides screenings

DYSART SCHOOLS — Do you have concerns about your preschooler’s development? The Dysart Unified School District offers **free** monthly screenings for district residents from 2.6 to 5 year old non-kindergarten children with possible special needs or handicaps.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) requires that public school agencies ensure that all children from birth through age 21 with delays or developmental disabilities are identified, located and evaluated to receive the supports and services they need. This includes all children living within the geographic boundaries of the school district including children who are homeless or wards of the state, children with disabilities attending private schools or those who are home schooled.

Public schools and the Arizona Early Intervention Program are responsible for “finding” eligible children and providing services needed for them to reach their developmental milestones or meet their educational needs. The Dysart preschool screenings, conducted at the Dysart Early Childhood Center, address vision, hearing, motor, speech and language, self-help, cognitive and social skills. The time to complete a screen is approximately one hour. Parents must be present with their child during the screening process.

Screening dates for the 2009-2010 school year are:

August 17	September 21
October 19	November 16
December 14	January 11
February 8	March 8
April 12	May 17
June 28	

For more information or to schedule a special needs screening appointment, please contact the Dysart Community Education Center at (623) 876-7079. For information regarding screening children ages birth to 2.5 years old, please call the Arizona Early Intervention Project at (602) 771-1700. The Dysart Early Childhood Center is located at 17999 W. Surprise Farms Loop South in Surprise.