



Somerville Public Schools The Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP)

Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center

8:30 am - 1:45 pm for 4 days/week,

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

ECIP Peer Information

What is ECIP?

The Early Childhood Intervention Program (ECIP) is a Somerville Public Schools preschool program that serves children 3-5 years old both with and without Individualized Education Plan (IEP). There are four integrated classes that consist of up to 15 students, less than half have an identified disability.

Who is a Community Peer?

Students without an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) serve as peers for children with disabilities in the ECIP program. Children who possess strong play and social communication skills and are able to speak clearly are successful peers. If your child has an (IEP) he/she is not eligible to be entered into the ECIP lottery.

To have your child considered as a peer in the ECIP program you must be a Somerville resident, your child must turn 3 by February 28th and **not** eligible for the Smile Preschool Program. Children who are 4 years old by August 31st may register for the Somerville Public Schools SMILE Preschool Program. Children should be fully toilet trained. If you are interested in having your child participate in the lottery as a peer you can attend an informational meeting (times and location listed below) or obtain a Lottery Form from the Capuano Early Childhood Center or online at the Somerville Public Schools website.

Informational Meetings/Lottery Form Deadline

Two meetings will be held at the Capuano Early Childhood Center to explain the ECIP program and to give details about the lottery:

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 5:00 pm

and

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 9:00 am

Lottery Forms will be distributed at this time. Forms can be picked up at the Capuano Early Childhood Center during school hours 7:30 am – 3:30 pm and they will also be available on the Somerville Public Schools website (www.k12.somerville.ma.us). All lottery forms must be completed and returned in person to Nancy Holmes at the Capuano Early Childhood Center by 12:00 pm Thursday, February 28, 2018. A lottery will be held on March 2, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Capuano Early Childhood Center. Parents will be notified by mail if their child is accepted into the program as a peer. All other children will be placed on a wait list. Parents will be notified by mail of their wait list number. If you need more information, please contact Nancy Holmes at 617-629-5480.