Contact Information

For More Information concerning:

- referral process for children ages 3—5
- general program information

Please call:

Lesley Thompson
LEAP Clerk
770-651-2116

Board of Education Cottage
9030 Highway 5

Other:

For children under 3:
Contact Children's First — 404-457-2700

For children over 3:
Contact: Douglas County Schools — 770-651-2132

Special Needs Preschool Program

"Fostering positive growth for young children based on their developmental needs"
**Program Information**

**Assessment Services**
- **Parent Referral**
- **Screening & Observation** (Determines academic impact & response to interventions)
- **Formal Evaluation** (Determines eligibility)

To be eligible for services a child must:
- Reside in Douglas County
- Be between the ages of 3—5
- Exhibit a significant delay in one or more of the following:
  - Cognition / Early Learning Skills
  - Speech/Language Skills
  - Daily-Living Skills
  - Fine Motor / Gross Motor Skills
  - Social / Emotional / Behavior Skills
  - Vision / Hearing Skills

**Philosophy**

**LEAP**
- Strives to provide **early intervention** for young children during the formative years.
- Considers parental involvement integral to meeting child’s overall needs.
- Uses **curriculum-based instruction** in all classrooms.
- Provides age-appropriate instruction based on Georgia Early Learning Developmental Standards.
- Meets the needs of each child by integrating instructional methodologies, assistive technologies and adaptive materials.

**Services Provided**

**Educational Services**
We provide a continuum of services based on each child’s specific needs.

The environment is determined by the child’s specific learning goals.

**Mission Statement:**
In collaboration with family and community, the Douglas County Special Needs Preschool (LEAP) will foster positive growth for young children based on their developmental needs through quality instruction in a safe, supportive, language-enriched environment.

**Services**
- Consultative
- Speech / Language Therapy
- Direct Instruction in All Areas of Development
- Small and Large Group Instruction

**School Environments:**
- Child’s Preschool Center
- Child’s Pre-K Center
- Head Start
- Special Needs Preschool Class