

PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities) – This program is for children between the ages of 3 and 5 who need early intervention to be successful educationally. These children will qualify through multiple eligibilities, but predominantly through speech impairment. The two PPCD classes are at Crockett Elementary. Districts are mandated to provide the least restrictive environment for all special education students. Therefore, we design a continuum of services for all students for the PPCD student, which can include placement outside the district. Placement in the least restrictive environment (LRE) requires an individual decision, based on each child's IEP, and based on the intent of the IDEA that children with disabilities be educated in general classes with appropriate supports and services. The IDEA regulations have always required that placement decisions be based on the individual needs of the child with a disability, including preschool children, and have always prohibited categorical decision-making.

- The full continuum of alternative placements, including integrated placement options, such as community-based settings with typically developing age peers, must be available to preschool children with disabilities.
- A child who turns five years of age on or before September 1st is not eligible for the dual enrollment provision in 19 TAC § 89.1096.
- Natural Environments: Only when early intervention cannot be achieved satisfactorily for the infant or toddler in the natural environment can the program consider the provision of early intervention services for any child in a location other than the child's natural environment. The program must show sufficient documentation to support the team's decision that the child's outcomes could not be met by providing the service in the child's natural environment even with supplementary supports that could be provided by ECI.

WISD provides a full continuum of services for our PPCD students by including these students in our Pre-kindergarten classes as appropriate. In addition and when appropriate, we provide services through local day care facilities.