

Dear Central 301 Families,

On February 16, 2016, the Central School Board passed the Early Childhood Blended Program for the 2016 – 2017 school year. The Early Childhood Blended Program, which will be held at Howard B. Thomas Grade School, will be available for any Central 301 child (that does not have an Individual Education Plan – IEP) that turns 3 or 4 on or before September 1, 2016. If your child is eligible to enter kindergarten, they will not be allowed to apply for this program. Your child must be potty trained by the start of school in order to participate in the program.

The Early Childhood Program begins in August and ends in May, similar to the district calendar. An Early Childhood calendar for the 2016-2017 school year has not been established at this time. The program allows for up to 80 students to apply for entry into the program. If more than 80 families apply for the program, a lottery system will be implemented and a waiting list will be created.

The morning session is for 3 year olds and is from 8:30 – 11:05 a.m. The afternoon session is for 4 year olds and is from 12:30 – 3:05 p.m. Students attend the program, Monday through Friday, 5 days per week. Each blended classroom will be composed of 15 students: 5 with IEP's (Individual Education Plans) and 10 non-IEP students.

There is an annual tuition fee of \$2,000.00 per student which will be spread out over 8 monthly payments of \$250.00 per month. Families will need to provide transportation as bus transportation is not offered.

If you would like to apply for the program, please fill out the application and email it to mike.potsic@central301.net. Applications are due by March 4th. The lottery will take place, if needed, immediately after this date and families will be notified the week of March 7th regarding the status of their application.

Sincerely,

Mike Potsic

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