Moving On
To Kindergarten

December 12, 2019
Re-evaluation needed?

• The three year review is due.

• Teams are not required to request re-evaluation upon exiting preschool; however, if anyone on the team feels that an eligibility review is needed to consider a different identification or to consider dismissal from special education services, the IEP team should proceed with the re-evaluation process for that student.
Transition Year IEP

- The IEP meeting held to transition the student from preschool to a kindergarten level program is to be held at the student’s school of attendance if they are currently attending a classbased program or the home school if they are receiving ECSE resource services. The home school is based on the location of the student’s residence.

- The present level of academic and functional performance and goals will be drafted by the ECSE teacher in collaboration with and input from a Kindergarten level of special education staff.

- The transition meeting will include the administrator from the school of attendance, kindergarten teacher, special education teacher, related service staff (if appropriate), and a representative knowledgeable of any specific levels of service being considered, as well as the ECSE teacher and the parents.
Preschool Exception

Occurs when:

• The Parent exercises his/her right to delay the start of kindergarten for one year and the student is still eligible for special education.
  – The school division is required to draft an IEP for any student age eligible for Kindergarten and the IEP team then discusses this draft at the IEP meeting. If/when the parent decides to delay the start of Kindergarten and have their child remain in preschool for an additional year the team is then required to discuss what services would look like for that additional year in preschool.

• A preschool exception is allowable for one school year.
Register for Kindergarten

• All students are required to register for Kindergarten at their home school.

• Registration requires a completed and signed registration form, proof of residency, birth certificate, a parent or guardian photo I.D. and legal/custody papers (if applicable).

• A current physical/immunization form must be provided to complete the registration process prior to the first day of school.

• Pre-Registration opens February 18, 2020 and registration is on March 18, 2020. Look for this information on the county’s website, www.lcps.org. There is also information on pgs. 11-12 of your handbook.

• If the team has determined prior to kindergarten registration, that the student will be a preschool exception, the student does not need to be registered for Kindergarten.
Panel Presentation

- ECSE vs. Kindergarten
- Related Services
- Cross-Categorical services (Cross-Cat)
- Autism
- Multiple Disabilities (MD)
- Intellectual Disabilities (ID)
- Emotional Disabilities (ED)
Questions

• Please work with your child’s ECSE teacher to address any specific questions and/or concerns for your child that you may have about this process.

• You are also welcome to contact the Special Education Contact person (typically the Assistant Principal) at your child’s current school location, Parent Resource Services at 571-252-6540 or Lori Padgett, ECSE Supervisor, at 571-252-1011