

Transition to Kindergarten: September 2018

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INTRODUCTIONS & AGENDA

□ Elwyn SEEDS Presenters

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□ AGENDA

- Transition Process during the 2017-2018 School Year
- Early Intervention to School-Age Services
- Question and Answer (after School District)

TRANSITION PROCESS

STEP 1 [completed by 09/30/2017]

- ❑ The Intent to Register (ITR) and Notice of Transition Process Options will be mailed or shared with the family.
 - Mass Mailing for eligible children conducted in August of 2017.
 - Families can contact SC with questions.

*Up-to-date Service Coordinator (SC) Contact list available at Elwyn SEEDS table.

ITR KINDERGARTEN

By completing this form you are documenting for transition planning purposes your intention to register your child in your school district or a charter school. Within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of this completed form, your school district or charter school will proceed with the transition process to determine your child's continued eligibility for special education services in order to have your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) in place by the beginning of the school year.

MY INTENTION TO REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL: CHILD WHO IS KINDERGARTEN AGE ELIGIBLE

Your child is age eligible for kindergarten in your school district.

DIRECTIONS FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN/SURROGATE: Please check 1, 2 or 3 below to indicate your intention to register your child. Note that registering with your school district or a charter school does not affect the option for your kindergarten age eligible child to remain in the preschool early intervention program.

ITR KINDERGARTEN: OPTION 1

1. I currently intend to register my child in my school district or charter school for the next school year. I understand there are several options the school district or charter school will discuss with me regarding how the school district or charter school team could proceed with my child's transition. I understand that, within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of this signed form, the school district or charter school will notify me in writing and initiate the transition process. I understand that my child's educational records will be provided to my school district or charter school. I also understand that in order to receive special education services in a public school my child must be determined eligible and enrolled in the school district or charter school.

- Child will attend Kindergarten.
- If eligible, School District/Charter will provide specialized services.
- School District will receive educational documents from Elwyn SEEDS.

ITR KINDERGARTEN: OPTION 2

2. I currently **DO NOT** intend to register my child in my school district or a charter school. Instead, I want my child to remain in the preschool early intervention program for the next school year. I understand that directory information (such as my child's name and birthdate and my name, address, and phone number) will be provided to my school district.

- Child will NOT attend Kindergarten.
- Child will continue receiving specialized services from Elwyn SEEDS.
- School District/Charter will not receive educational documents from Elwyn SEEDS.
- ❖ *Note: Child not eligible for federal/state funded programs. (examples: Head Start, Philly Pre-K, Bright Futures)*

ITR KINDERGARTEN: OPTION 3

3. I **DO NOT** intend to enroll my child in kindergarten.

- Child will NOT attend Kindergarten.
- Child will NOT receive specialized services from Elwyn SEEDS or School District/Charter.
- School District/Charter will not receive educational documents from Elwyn SEEDS.
- ❖ *Note: Child not eligible for federal/state funded programs. (examples: Head Start, Philly Pre-K, Bright Futures)*

ITR FIRST GRADE

By completing this form you are documenting for transition planning purposes your intention to register your child in your school district or a charter school. Within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of this completed form, your school district or charter school will proceed with the transition process to determine your child's continued eligibility for special education services in order to have your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) in place by the beginning of the school year.

MY INTENTION TO REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL:

CHILD WHO IS AGE ELIGIBLE FOR FIRST GRADE (AGE OF BEGINNERS)

Last year you chose to keep your child in the preschool early intervention program. Your child is now age of beginners (age eligible for first grade in your school district) and will no longer be eligible for preschool early intervention special education services. Please be aware that while your child is age eligible for first grade it does not mean your child will necessarily attend first grade.

DIRECTIONS FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN/SURROGATE: Please check 1 or 2 below to indicate your intention to register your child.

ITR FIRST GRADE: OPTION 1

1. I currently intend to register my child in my school district or charter school for the next school year. I understand there are several options the school district or charter school will discuss with me regarding how the school district team or charter school team could proceed with my child's transition. I understand that, within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of this signed form, the school district or charter school will notify me in writing and initiate the transition process. I understand that my child's educational records will be provided to my school district or charter school. I also understand that in order to receive special education services in a public school my child must be determined eligible and enrolled in the school district or charter school.

- Child will attend school age program.
- If eligible, School District/Charter will provide specialized services.
- School District/Charter will receive educational documents from Elwyn SEEDS.

ITR FIRST GRADE: OPTION 2

2. I currently **DO NOT** intend to register my child in my school district or a charter school for the next school year. I understand that my child's education records will be provided to my school district. I also understand that, once my child reaches the age of beginners (age eligible for first grade), my child will no longer be eligible for preschool early intervention services. I understand that, at any time, I have the right to request that the district reevaluate my child to determine whether my child continues to have a disability and needs special education and related services.

- Child will NOT attend school age program.
- School District/Charter and Elwyn SEEDS will NOT provide specialized services.
- School District/Charter WILL receive educational documents from Elwyn SEEDS.

NOTICE OF TRANSITION PROCESS OPTIONS

1. Adopt the EI Preschool IEP for School Age
2. Adopt the EI Preschool IEP with Revisions
3. Conduct a Reevaluation

*Copy of Notice of Transition Process Options available at Elwyn SEEDS table.

NOTICE OF TRANSITION PROCESS OPTIONS

“Within a reasonable period of time from the receipt of the signed Intent to Register form, but no later than April 15, the school district or charter school will notify the parent in writing and initiate one of the options as noted above. Regardless of which option is chosen, if the child is eligible for special education and related services, an IEP will be implemented no later than 10 school days at the beginning of the school term after its completion in order to ensure that the special education programs of young children with disabilities are not interrupted when they transition from Preschool Early Intervention programs to school-age programs.”

TRANSITION PROCESS

STEP 2 [completed by 11/01/2017]

- ❑ Upon receipt of the Intent to Register (ITR) indicating family's choice to register for Kindergarten, Elwyn SEEDS will share educational documents with the School District of Philadelphia or charter school.
 - Must have signed ITR to send documents
 - Families can contact SC with questions.

TRANSITION PROCESS

STEP 3 [completed by 11/30/2017]

- ❑ Family will be invited to attend a Transition meeting by Elwyn SEEDS to introduce the family to the School District of Philadelphia and review the process between Early Intervention and School Age programming. Must have signed ITR to send documents.

TRANSITION PROCESS

STEP 4 [completed by 02/28/2018]

- ❑ The family will register their child at their neighborhood school.
 - Registration Dates change every year, contact School District of Philadelphia.
 - You may also register at charter schools, call for registration dates.

TRANSITION PROCESS

STEP 5 [completed by 06/30/2018]

- ❑ School District/Charter will issue Permission to Re-Evaluate (PTRE), complete a Re-Evaluation for school age services, and complete an IEP for each eligible child.
 - Contact School District/Charter if you have not received the PTRE, Evaluation Report, or IEP.

PARENT RESOURCES

- ❑ Transition Fairs: March and May 2018
- ❑ Families First - Transition to Kindergarten Trainings
 - Family's Guide to Understanding Evaluations and Re-Evaluations [November, 2 2017 at RHD 4700 Wissahickon Ave 10AM-2PM and Spring date TBA]
 - What to expect in Kindergarten for your child with behavioral challenges or autism? [March 2018 at Community Behavior Health 6:15-8PM date TBA]
 - What Interventions, support and services can I expect for my special needs child in Kindergarten? [April 2018 date and location TBA]
 - Annual "Transitions" Brunch [May 2018 Elwyn SEEDS, date TBA]
 - Contact: Cathy Roccia-Meier (215) 204-1772, cathyrm@temple.edu
- ❑ PARENT PARTNERS:(215) 222-4181
- ❑ SDP School Finder: webapps1.philasd.org/school_finder
- ❑ SDP Phone Number: (215) 400-4170

WHAT'S NEXT?

- ❑ School District of Philadelphia Transition to Kindergarten presentation
- ❑ Question and Answer Session

