

EC (Early Childhood) Screening Overview

The Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative offers several sites for EC classes. In Hobart, the program is located at The Early Learning Center at George Earle Elementary. All screening for eligibility for this program is performed at The ELC.

Early Childhood screening is done free of charge by appointment and is administered by the NISEC preschool evaluation team (School Psychologist, Speech /Language Pathologist and Educational Diagnostician) to children ages 3-5 not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

The areas that are covered during this interaction with your child are:

- Readiness skills, such as knowledge of colors and body parts
- Fine Motor skills, such as copying shapes and prewriting shapes
- Gross Motor skills, such as balance activities and jumping
- Speech and Language skills, such as vocabulary and articulation

Each preliminary screening lasts approximately 20 minutes.

The results of the screening will be discussed with you by the School Psychologist immediately after the screening has been completed. If these results indicate that your child demonstrates a delay in any of the areas noted above, the School Psychologist will recommend a full evaluation or a speech evaluation.

If either a full evaluation or a speech evaluation is recommended for your child, the content of the specific comprehensive evaluation and the process that needs to be followed will be explained to you by the School Psychologist.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dee Fultz at 769-4085 to request an appointment.