

Superintendent's Circular

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

This circular will remain in effect unless rescinded or superseded by a subsequent version

Massachusetts state law mandates that each school system in the state locate, identify, and provide special educational services for children ages three and four who may either have a substantial disability or possibly experience challenges in a regular preschool or kindergarten program.

The Boston Public Schools will continue its ongoing screening program for three- and four-year-olds who are not attending a BPS school, to take place on the following dates:

SCREENING DATES:

- Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ CASH High School Annex, Dorchester
- Wednesday, December 4, 2024 @ Mario Umana Academy, E Boston
- Thursday, March 6, 2025 @ CASH High School Annex, Dorchester
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Mario Umana Academy, East Boston
- Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ CASH High School Annex, Dorchester

This screening is available to any child, ages three and four, who resides in the City of Boston. The screening program, coordinated

by the Office of Special Education, includes screening in the areas of readiness skills and language. A parent interview is conducted as well.

Notices will be available in the language of the home, when indicated as necessary by the family. Efforts will be made to disseminate notices at community centers, day care centers, and community preschools.

Summary of significant dates and deadlines:

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