

ERVING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The Erving School Committee recognizes the importance of early childhood education in the community and seeks to provide opportunities for all children in the Town of Erving, from the age of three, to participate in early childhood programs. In addition, the Committee recognizes its legal obligation to provide educational services to children with special needs beginning at the age of three.

To achieve these goals, the Erving School shall:

Make every effort to participate in state funded early childhood programs and encourage staff to apply for state grants to support our program and utilize state professional development opportunities.

Offer a public program to three and four year old children who reside in town.

Maintain an integrated program which would ensure that three and four year old children with special needs can be educated in Erving.

Comply with state and federal guidelines and the standards of any licensing or regulatory agency.

Create a system of enrollment that allows families to indicate their interest in attending the early childhood program and for the School Committee to commit the necessary funds to meet that need.

Develop a fee schedule to allow the school to offer the opportunity of an early childhood program for all Erving families regardless of income.

Offer professional advice and encouragement to members of the Erving community who have developed licensed early childhood programs within the community. Share Professional Development activities and resources as available.

Collaborate with all relevant local agencies to provide outreach services and to engage families in the community with children younger than three years of age.

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