



Reimagine

Early Childhood Education
at Tucson Unified

CURRENT PACE AND PROJECT ABLE PROGRAM

- ◉ Half Day
- ◉ Owl Curriculum/AZ Standards
- ◉ Teaching Staff
- ◉ Selected process
- ◉ Class sizes
- ◉ There are currently 24 PACE classrooms
- ◉ Self-Contained Services for children ages 3 to 5
- ◉ 2 sessions a day,
 - ◉ (M, T, TH, F)
- ◉ Teaching Staff
- ◉ Selection Process
- ◉ Class sizes are 12 students per session
- ◉ 20 Project Able classes

CURRENT PARTNERS, EXPLORERS AND DESEGREGATION PRESCHOOL

- ◉ 50/50 Inclusion
Preschool services
children ages 3 to 5
- ◉ Selection Process
- ◉ 2 sessions a day
(M, T, Th, F)
- ◉ Teaching Staff
- ◉ Class size is 18
students per session
- ◉ There are 11 classes
- ◉ Full day sessions
- ◉ Teaching Staff
- ◉ Selection Process
- ◉ Only services 4 year old
children
- ◉ Class sizes are capped
at 18
- ◉ Currently 3
desegregation
classrooms

WHAT'S WORKING? WHAT'S NOT?

- ◉ High Quality
- ◉ Specialized Support
- ◉ Inclusive environment for some children.
- ◉ Children are not always placed in the LRE available because of caps in PACE and Deseg
- ◉ Overly restrictive environments for most ExEd students.
- ◉ Does not provide an option for a seamless transition

Year One of Transition

- (Incorporates current ExEd model AS IS)
- PACE classrooms begin as traditional 4 hour program
- During the second semester PACE begins to offer an afternoon session to 3-year olds (See Sample Schedule of two sessions)
- Teaching Staff remains the same
- Selection Process Expands services to 3, 4, and 5 year olds
- Class sizes will range from 10-20 students per session depending on the amount of children with an IEP enrolled throughout the year.
- Children and Families that need full day care can enroll in community ed preschool programs when available.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE (M, T, TH, F)

Session 1:

8:00-9:00: Family Engagement with Parent
volunteers and Teaching Assistant

9:00-12:00: Daily Preschool Curriculum

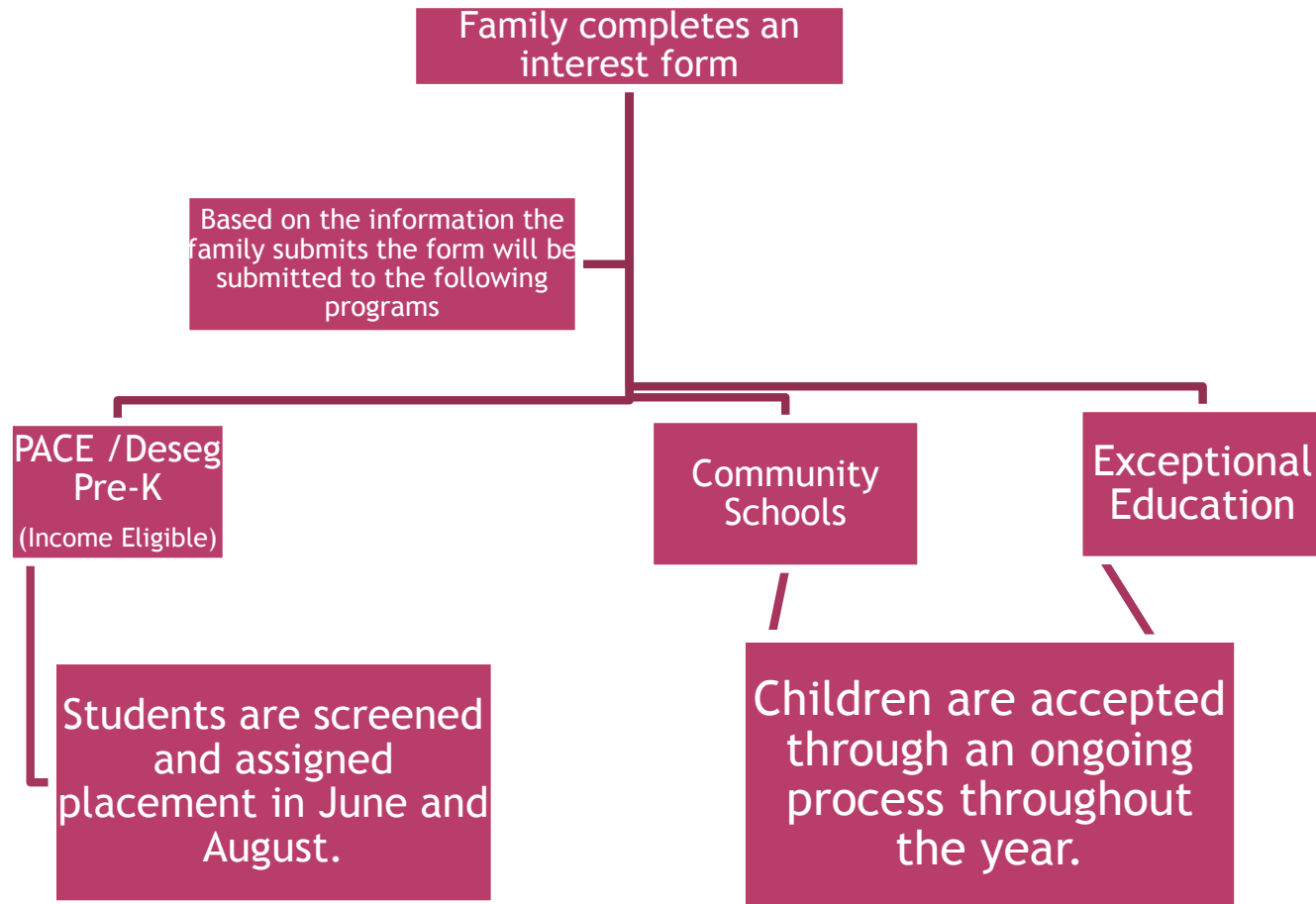
Session 2:

12:30-3:30: Daily Preschool Curriculum

3:30- 4:30: Family Engagement with Parent
volunteers and Teaching Assistant

**Teachers will work 7.5 hours 8:00 to 3:30 with half hour lunch and 1
hour plan from 8:00 to 9:00 OR 9:00-4:30 with plan from 3:30 to
4:30*

REGISTRATION PROCESS



YEAR TWO 2016-2017

- ◉ All preschool programs will be cohesive and allow for a streamlined registration and transition into kindergarten.
- ◉ Students and Families will participate consecutively for 2 years.
- ◉ Child Find/ExEd will place children in their LRE based on their individual needs.
- ◉ All classrooms are on a two session schedule and have reserved spaces for inclusive placements.

EXTENDED DAY OPTION

- Community Schools
- Three free full-day preschool programs at Blenman, Rose and Cragin.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

◉ Curriculum

- Depth of learning

◉ Family

- Volunteers and Involvement

◉ Quality First

- Grants/Scholarships

◉ Meals

- Family engagement/snacks

◉ Teacher Credentials

- Ece/ExEd Cets.

◉ Licensing

- ◉ AZDHS

◉ Professional Development

- Regular meetings

◉ Transportation

◉ Assessments