

ATLANTA SPEECH SCHOOL

Stepping Stones

An early intervention preschool program

Stepping Stones Preschool provides therapeutic education for children ages three through five with speech and/or language delays. The first of its kind in Georgia, Stepping Stones incorporates a unique collaborative approach that integrates therapy and education to address the specific developmental needs of each child.

Transitional Kindergarten Class

Since 2002 Stepping Stones has provided high quality therapeutic education to three- and four-year old preschool students in a small class setting. Exceptional instruction by our teaching team and low student-teacher ratios optimize learning opportunities and help each child reach his or her full potential.

Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, Stepping Stones will expand to offer a transitional kindergarten program for young five-year old students. The new class is intended for children with: 1) primary delays in language and speech development; 2) possible secondary mild delays in fine motor, sensory, social maturity, or pre-academic skill development; and 3) children who would benefit from an additional year of education between preschool and entrance into kindergarten.

During this transitional year, students will receive advanced therapeutic intervention and foundational literacy and pre-academic skills taught by our highly-trained professional staff. This unique early intervention class is designed to make a long term difference in the educational placement and outcome for each child in the transitional kindergarten program.

Transitional Kindergarten Teaching Team

The Stepping Stones team provides the highest level of instruction available in a preschool classroom. Each member of the team is charged with delivering language enrichment and development while guiding the child within their specialty area. The team consists of:

- Educational Specialist as lead teacher
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Assistant Teacher

Additional services include comprehensive case management and consultation with school psychologists.



Transitional Kindergarten Admissions Profile

- Birth date range of March 1 - September 1, with consideration for developmental levels if birth date falls outside this range.
- Pattern of continued moderate language weakness with possible accompanying speech articulation delays.
- Despite history of early intervention, mild delays in pre-academic skills, social-emotional maturity, and/or fine motor and sensory skills.

Class Descriptions

Three Year Old Pebbles
Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 12:00pm
10 children in each class
Enrichment - music classes

Four Year Old Boulders
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm (M,W,F); 8:30am - 12:00pm (T,T)
12 children in each class
Enrichment - music & movement classes

Five Year Old Transitional Kindergarten Class
Monday - Friday
8:15am - 2:15pm (M-Th) *
8:15am - 12:15pm (F) *
12 children in each class
Enrichment - music, movement, art, & computer classes

* Projected