

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM PEER SELECTION CRITERIA

The following procedure has been adopted as policy for peer selection at the Early Childhood Center:

1. Agawam residents can register their children for the program beginning at 2.9 years of age. Registered names are put on a list per their kindergarten entrance year in order of the date that the application was received.
2. In an effort to serve more children and best meet the needs of children in this community, priority is given to 4-year-old children who have only 1 year left prior to kindergarten entrance. Priority is also given to children whose first language is other than English as well as to siblings of children with significant special needs. (These are considered to be risk factors.)
3. If the list of 4-year-old peers is exhausted, we then select from the list of 3-year-old children.