LEXINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Where deaf and hard-of-hearing infants, toddlers and their families learn, play and grow together

Ready to Learn
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Why Ready to Learn?

RTL offers communication in spoken language and/or sign language. We support each family’s desire to develop communication in the child’s home language.

- Sessions are conducted in English, Spanish and/or American Sign Language (ASL)
- When other languages are spoken, we enlist the help of a spoken language interpreter
- Attention to language development, cognition and social development are our main focus
Parents who attend our program...

- Communicate more effectively with their child
- Learn to be strong advocates for their child
- Become confident and competent participants in their child’s education
- Encourage early literacy skills by reading to their children and engaging in follow-up activities
Children who attend our program...

• Improve their communication and cognitive skills, as well as their social/emotional development

• Increase their vocabulary and language to promote reading readiness

• Develop readiness for a preschool program

• Become more competent and confident learners
Ready to Learn Sessions

Ready to Learn sessions are center-based and take place at Lexington School for the Deaf in East Elmhurst, Queens.

• Free transportation is provided to all families who live in the five boroughs. On-site free parking is available.

• Families are encouraged to participate in Ready to Learn and Early Intervention at the same time.

• Families attend twice-weekly individual sessions.

• Families participate in Wednesday morning play groups (optional).

• Parent-child workshops are offered throughout the year.

Our certified teachers are experts in early childhood development. With our teachers’ guidance, support and coaching, parents learn how to engage with their child and help them become successful learners.
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