

Edgewood Early Childhood Education & School Age Care Program Update

October 2026



Who We Are

578	86	15
ACTIVE ACCOUNTS	DEDICATED STAFF	OPS STAFF SERVED



Edgewood Early Childhood - Capacity at a Glance

Oct 2026

Program	Capacity	Current	Ratio	At Capacity
Nest Infant	12	10 enrolled / 6 attending	1:4	3 classroom staff for 12 hrs
Coop Toddler	12	7 enrolled	1:4	3 classroom staff for 11 hrs
Den Toddler	12 (16 in Feb)	12 enrolled (14 for Feb)	1:4 1:8	3 classroom staff for 11 hrs
Lair Preschool	20	16 enrolled	1:10	2 classroom staff for 11 hrs
Universal Pre-K	120	103 filled	1:10	3 classroom staff for 8 hrs

OPM at Central - Capacity at a Glance

Oct 2026

Program	Capacity	Current	Ratio	At Capacity
3-Year-Old PPK	Varies	12/18	1:10	3 classroom staff
4-Year-Old PPK	Varies	23/26	1:10	3 classroom staff
Afternoon Universal Pre-K	20	19/20	1:10	3 classroom staff

School-Age Programs at a Glance

Oct 2026

School-Age Enrollment: October 2026

Site	Before Care	After Care	Waitlist
Bennett Woods	40	59	-
Central	28	65	2 contracts
Cornell	24	53	-
Hiawatha	31	52	-
Kinawa	56	73	4 contracts
TOTAL ENROLLMENTS	179	302	6 contracts

School-age care represents 481 Before/After Care enrollments across five sites. Because a child may be enrolled in both Before and After Care, this is an enrollment count rather than a count of 481 unique children.

Early Childhood Enrollment Over Time

The February 2025 sustainability discussion reflected enrollment conditions at that point in time. Later presentations show that enrollment subsequently increased, including periods when infant and toddler classrooms were at or near capacity. Current October 2026 enrollment has shifted again.

Tuition-Based Early Childhood Trend

Program	Feb. 2025 Presentation*	April 2026	October 2026
Infant / Nest	6	12 enrolled / 11 attending	10 enrolled / 6 attending
Toddler / Coop	10	12	7
Toddler / Den	11	12	12
Preschool / Lair	20	18	15

OPM at Central Preschool Programs Over Time

Central PPK Enrollment: April - October 2026

OPM Program	April 2026	October 2026	Change
3-Year-Old PPK	14/18	12/18	-2
4-Year-Old PPK	18/26	23/26	+5
Afternoon Universal Pre-K	20/20	19 of 20	-1

School Age Enrollment Over Time

School-Age Enrollment Trend

Snapshot	Before Care	After Care	What it shows
Feb. 2025	148	245	Below 2018-19 comparison
April 2026	196	311	Strong growth across all five sites
October 2026	179	302	Below April peak, but above Feb. 2025

Local Comparison

Edgewood Early Childhood | Midway Early Learning Center

Measure	Okemos / Edgewood	Holt / Midway
Ages served	Infant through preschool; connected to UPK and school-age	6 weeks through age 4
Hours	7:15 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Enrollment approach	Full-time enrollment required for Early Childhood; flexible School Age enrollment	Full-time enrollment for new registrations
Infant/Toddler demand	4 expecting families turned away	Reports waitlists for most age groups
Infant/Toddler ratio	1:4	1:4 Michigan licensing standard
Infant/Toddler group size	12 maximum group size under Michigan licensing	12 maximum group size under licensing
Published room capacity	Nest 12 Coop 12 Den 12	Not publicly listed
2026 infant/toddler tuition	Infant \$430/week Toddler \$410/week	\$290/week

Enrollment Shifts Due to Uncertainty

- 13 Enrolled families dropped
- 6 Potential families chose not to enroll
- 3 Current families are actively looking for other locations as they want to expand their family
- 4 Expecting families have not been able to enroll

A Clear Path Forward

- Provide clear direction on the future of Early Childhood Education and School Age Care so families and staff can make long-term plans with confidence.
- If the programs continue, establish a defined period of stability during which they are not reconsidered for additional budget reductions or closure. This provides time to rebuild and stabilize enrollment, recruit and retain staff, and evaluate performance under consistent conditions.
- Allow time for recent tuition increases to take effect. Families have already experienced increases of 24% for Infant/Toddler 19% for remaining programs, with an additional 2.8% program-wide increase this fall. Continued increases cannot be the only strategy for improving sustainability.

Childcare Financial Overview

	2025–26 Childcare	2025–26 Infants/toddlers
Revenue	\$1,633,017	\$589,175
Expenditures	\$1,566,897	\$566,283
Revenues Over Expenditures	\$66,120	\$22,892

2026–27 GSRP move to the General Fund: estimated \$100,000 in eligible indirect cost recovery.

Infants and Toddlers — Historical and Current YTD Impact

Infant/toddler measure	2025–26 Full Year	2026–27 Current YTD
Program revenue	\$589,175	\$91,689
Program expenditures	\$566,283	\$69,807
Revenues Over Expenditures	\$22,892	\$21,882

Current YTD results reflect a positive financial position, consistent with 2025–26 results.

Childcare Enrollment Scenarios – Estimated Financial Impact

WORST CASE

Close infant room; 4 toddlers leave

–10 infants / –4 toddlers

Tuition change

–\$308,880

Estimated wage savings

+\$194,085

Estimated impact

(\$48,675)

BASE CASE

Maintain current enrollment

No enrollment changes

Tuition change

\$0

Staffing cost change

\$0

Estimated impact

\$66,120

BEST CASE

Fill available infant/toddler spaces

+2 infants / +5 toddlers

Tuition increase

+\$151,320

Estimated staffing increase

–\$143,440

Estimated impact

\$74,000

Financial Recap & Key Takeaways

- Infant and toddler programs covered their direct costs in 2025–26, with revenue exceeding expenses by \$22,892.
- Phasing out levels of the childcare program would eliminate the associated tuition revenue and classroom staffing costs, while overhead and administrative expenses would remain unchanged.
- GSRP moves to the General Fund in 2026–27, with an estimated \$100,000 in eligible indirect cost recovery.