



**St. Louis Park
Community Education**

Your lifelong learning begins here!

Early Learning Programs Final Review 2023/2024



**St. Louis Park
Public Schools**

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Welcome to Central Early Learning Center!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
Early Learning Preschool
Early Childhood Screening
Kids Place Preschool
Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
Infant and Toddler Intervention (ITI)



Central Early Learning Center

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St. Louis Park, MN

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St. Louis Park Public Schools

St. Louis Park Community Education

Our Core Values

We WELCOME
Each Other



We PROTECT
Each Other



We CARE for
Each Other



We STAND UP
for Each Other



Early Childhood Family Education

Parents and children learn and play together under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher/parent educator.

- Morning & afternoon sessions
- Latino ECFE class
- Classes offered year-round
- Located at Central with a class being offered in conjunction & at Westwood Nature Center
- Sliding fee scale. All families can participate regardless of ability to pay
- Help Us Grow (HUG) Home Visiting



Early Childhood Screening



Early Learning services conducts screenings (vision, hearing, developmental assessment) for St. Louis Park children to help identify children who may benefit from early childhood services before they enter school and connects them with the appropriate resources and programs. The ideal age is 3 - 4 years.

- Located in Central Early Learning Center - also provides services at offsite locations
- Screens approximately 400 children per year
- No cost to families

Early Learning Preschool

Flexible, half day AM and PM preschool options for children ages 3-5.

- 2-5 day class options
- Inclusive and integrated classrooms
- Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals
- Tuition assistance available through Pathways II Scholarships and School Readiness funding - including SRP available 24/25
- Transportation available to those who qualify



Kids Place Preschool

Full day preschool options for children 33 months - 5 years.

- Open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Inclusive and integrated classrooms
- Highly qualified teachers
- Ongoing enrollment
- Tuition assistance available through CCAP
(Child Care Assistance Program) and Pathways I funding



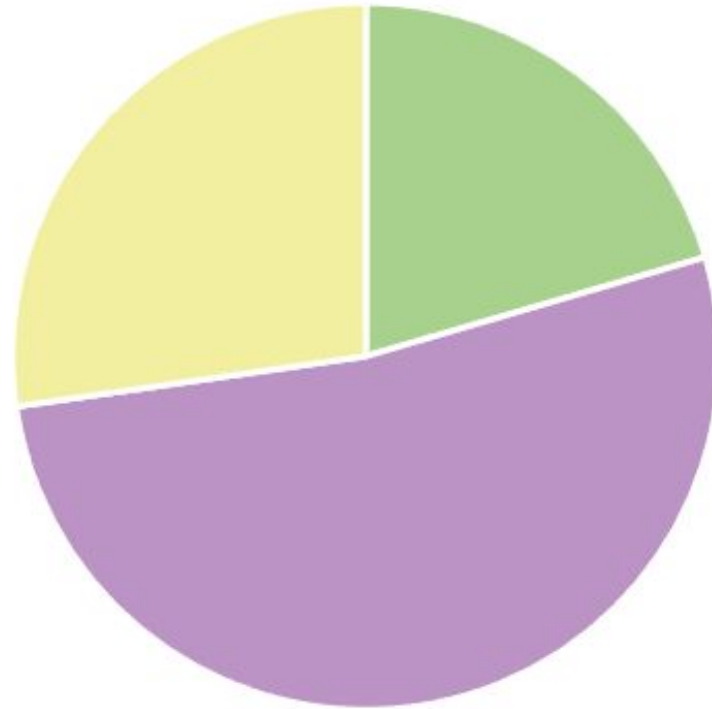
How many families do we serve at the Central Early Learning Center?

Kids Place Preschool	Full Day Preschool - Ages 33 mos. - 5	132
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)	Parent/child classes - Ages 0-5	130
Early Learning Preschool AM/PM	Half Day Preschool - Ages 33 mos. - 5 (Inclusive with ECSE)	250
Early Childhood Special Ed	Infant and Toddler Intervention (ITI) Classes/Home Visits (ITI)	50
Early Childhood Special Ed	Speech Classes	15
Total Families		577

20.5% Scholarship
(Free or Reduced)

52.3% Full Tuition

27.3% Receiving Special
Education Services



■ Scholarship ■ Full Tuition ■ Special Education



Potential Kindergarten Enrollment

4-5 year old students (full day, half day, ECSE)	Approximately 185 students who could go to Kindergarten.
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A typical day in a Preschool class includes...

- Open play/choice time
- Large group time
- Small group guided instruction
- Art, music, and dramatic play
- Curriculum guided literacy, math, and science activities
- Gym and large motor play time
- Snack



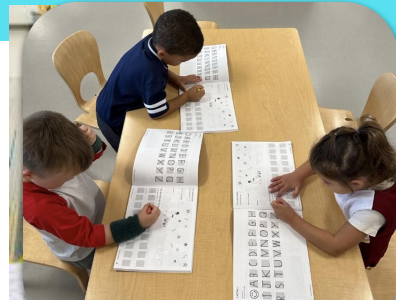
Curriculum

Big Day for PreK curriculum has a strong literacy base and the curriculums monthly themes align well with the IB planners at our elementary schools.

Bridges in Mathematics. Hands on activities that focus on multiple pathways to solving problems, so children gain a deep understanding of concepts, proficiency with key skills and the ability to solve complex problems.

Learning Without Tears Children practice letter formation through a variety of multisensory strategies.

Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum Children learn social emotional concepts through puppets, songs and stories.



Our Assessments

myIGDI's

Literacy Assessment

MN Early
Childhood
Indicators of
Progress

ECIPs

Bridges in
Mathematics

Baseline, Midyear,
End of Year
Math Assessment

How do we talk about identity in preschool?

We talk about similarities and differences in people.

We provide rich and diverse resources that reflect children's social worlds.

We listen to and learn about children's understandings of themselves and others.



A healthy sense of self identity helps children to be more open to people from other backgrounds. They are less likely to fear differences.



Family Engagement

Early Learning Parent Advisory Council



Build trusting relationships.

Create a sense of belonging.

Lift up and empower all parents.

CIP Goal focused on engaging parents of color.

2023-2024 Family Events

[Click here to review ELPAC presentation](#)

Event Title	Event Description
SLP Reading Fest	We Love Our Community: Encouraging reading/literacy through fun, interactive activities
Family Playground Playdate	ELPAC Family Engagement
Vehicle Fair	ELPAC Family Engagement Night
Preschool Family Pizza Night	EL Family Engagement Night
Tis the Season: Big Feelings, Meltdowns, and Overstimulation	Dana Teller - Relate Counseling
Parenting Through a Racial Equity Lens	Kristen Hara/Meghan Malone
Gym Blast	EL Family Engagement Night
Winter Sledding Event	ELPAC Family Engagement
Raising Readers	Dana Strahnsen - SLP Library
Winter Meltdown	ELPAC Family Engagement
Afoutayi Dance Studio	ELPAC Enrichment/EL Family Engagement
Celebrating Neurodiversity	Amy Wink - Autism Specialist
EL AM Spring Concert	EL Family Engagement
EL PM Spring Concert	EL Family Engagement
Be SMART	Susie Kaufman - Gun Safety
Spring Scholastic Book Fair	ELPAC
Spring Playground Playdate	Oak Hill Park - Pros of the Rope





More to come...



CENTRAL EARLY LEARNING CENTER
EARLY LEARNING PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

FAMILY EVENTS

2024-2025

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| SEPTEMBER 21 | FAMILY PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE
10:00-11:00 A.M. |
| OCTOBER 5 | VEHICLE FAIR
10:00-12:00 NOON |
| NOVEMBER 14 | FALL BALL
5:30-7:00 P.M. |
| NOVEMBER 4-21 | BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER |
| DECEMBER 11 | BUTTER BRAID DELIVERY DAY |
| JANUARY 23 | GYM BLAST
6:00-7:00 P.M. |
| FEBRUARY 8 | SLEDDING PARTY
10:00-11:00 A.M. |
| MARCH 8 | WINTER MELTDOWN
10:00-12:00 NOON |
| APRIL 22 | EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
4:00-5:00 P.M. |
| APRIL 30 - MAY 6 | SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR |
| MAY 31 | FAMILY PLAYGROUND PLAYDATE
10:00-11:00 A.M. |

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FAMILY EVENTS IN THE WEEKLY
EARLY LEARNING COMMUNICATOR EMAIL.





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EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS



KIDS PLACE
ST. LOUIS PARK COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Thank You!

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