

**Rock Island – Milan School District
#41
Board of Education Meeting
August 26, 2025**

Sharon Williams, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools



Horace Mann Early Learning Center

Nicole Berry
Director



Welcome to Early Childhood & the Horace Mann Early Learning Center! Home of the Preschool Puffins!





Preschool Puffin Staff Pictures



Our Mission

To provide our district's diverse early childhood students with a quality education that prepares them for successful learning within our multicultural community.

Our Vision

To be the premier early childhood learning organization within our ever-changing community through the following priorities:

- Build supportive relationships with children, families, and early childhood stakeholders.
- Build a strong academic foundation for continued learning by ensuring equity and opportunities for all early childhood students.
 - Enhance and improve operations.



**Head Start
Preschool for All (PFA)
Early Childhood Special Education
(ECSE)**

- **Head Start – 255 funded**
 - **PFA – 116 funded**
- **ECSE – self contained & inclusion services**
- **Located within 7 buildings in the district**



**Head Start – 17 classrooms
(9 part day and 8 full day rooms)**

PFA – 3 classrooms (AM/PM Sessions)

ECSE – 5 classrooms (AM/PM Sessions)

**Creative Curriculum & TS Gold for
curriculum and assessment –
completed 3 times per year**

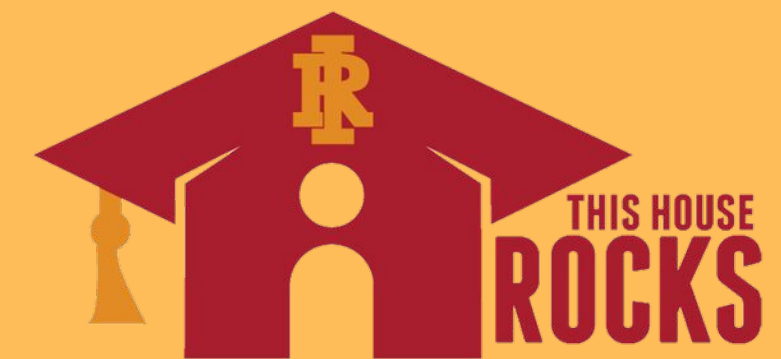
**BESS – social emotional screener completed
upon intake with parent and via teacher
twice per year**



Early Childhood Programs

2024–2025 Data

ALL HMELC/ ECE	ELA (TS GOLD) (Literacy & Language)			Math (TS GOLD)			SEL (TS GOLD)		
	Exceeds	Meets	Below	Exceeds	Meets	Below	Exceeds	Meets	Below
Fall	1%	54%	45%	0%	41%	59%	1%	51%	48%
Winter	3%	69%	28%	3%	61%	36%	6%	67%	26%
Spring	10%	66%	24%	9%	67%	24%	18%	60%	22%





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Committee of the Whole

Discussion Prompts:

- What are some of the benefits of Early Childhood Education?
- Can any child enroll in the district's Early Childhood Programs?
- What are the strengths and opportunities for our programs?
- What are family or community opportunities for involvement in Early Childhood programs?
- What are the district's long-term goals for Early Childhood Education?



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