



Becker Early Education

“Where families come first”



District Vision

Imagining Possibilities, Discovering Potential, Inspiring the Future.

District Mission

Developing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community.

Early Education Mission

“FAMILIES COME FIRST”

The mission of Becker Early Education programs is to strengthen families, through the education and support of all parents or primary care providers, so that they can provide the best possible environment for the healthy growth and development of the children in their care.

Program History

An ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) Task Force was established in January of 1985 to review recent legislation, develop goals, establish programming, hire staff, and form an Advisory Council.

The first ECFE classes began in the Fall of 1985 and 55 families with 4-5 year olds were enrolled (70% participation of children in the year prior to Kindergarten).

Infant-3 year old classes were soon added.

The first parent-child classes were call P.A.T.(Parents Are Teachers).



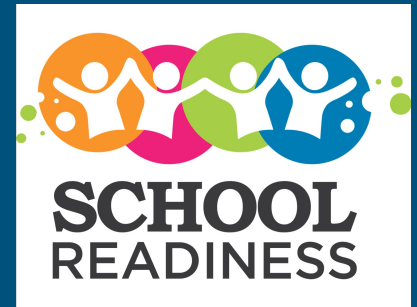
Early Expansion

Learning Readiness began in 1992 and started with classes offered 1-2 days per week.

In 1999, the state changed the program name to School Readiness.

Early Childhood moves to new Primary School 2001-2002. The new center had 4 classrooms and a few offices.

By 2005, 185 families participated in ECFE and 175 in School Readiness.



Growth

Staff increased from 2 teachers and 1 para to now having 1 coordinator, 12 teachers, 12 paras, 1 literacy interventionist, and 1 reading corps tutor.

Currently using 6 classrooms, parent ed room, and several offices.

Small Wonders Preschool for 3 year olds has 5 sections.

School Readiness classes for 4-5 year olds has 11 sections and are offered 2, 3, and 5 days per week.

New Center

Est. 2024



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A referendum was passed in the Fall of 2021. Plans included building a new Early Education Center.

ECFE, School Readiness, Small Wonders, ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education), and Camp Opportunity will move to the new facility in the next month.



Welcoming Reception Area with a Secure Entrance



Spacious Hallways



Classrooms designed for young children



Conference & Parent Education Room



Kitchen Prep & Staff Break Area



Multipurpose Space for Gym Time & Robotics



Commons Area for Large Groups or Movement



A Link to the Primary School



Playground arrives in August

We are currently fundraising for a new Early Education Playground and have reached 70% of our goal. Several generous donors have contributed including:

Liberty Paper Co., Coril Holdings, Becker Lions, Clearwater Lions, Santiago Lions, Clear Lake Lions, Duelm Lions, Becker True Value, Hubbard Electric, American Family Insurance, Holiday Station, TJ Potter Trucking, along with donations from the Read-A-Thon!

Liberty Paper and Wruck Excavating will also assist with the installation!

Early Education Inclusive Playground



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Willing to donate?

If you or a business you work for are willing to make a contribution to our Early Education Playground, please reach out to:

Sue Hiltner, Early Education Coordinator

Or

Dale Christensen, Becker Primary School Principal



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL!

2024-2025 Registration is in process

Families who are interested in registering for ECFE, Small Wonders, or School Readiness should go to the Early Education page of the District Website and click on Registration Information or contact Becker Early Childhood at:

763-261-4050 ~ ecfe@isd726.org

Help spread the word to new families and friends.

Thank you!

