

Hazelwood School District Early Childhood Education



How Do I Get My Child Enrolled in Preschool?

- Your first step is to schedule a free screening for your child to determine appropriate placement. Free developmental screenings are offered assessing vision, hearing, health, speech, language, motor skills and concepts.
- All children from birth to age five are eligible to receive this screening. The results of the screening are shared with parents to better understand each child's strengths and abilities, areas of concern and overall developmental progress.

Please call [\(314\) 953-7635](tel:3149537635) to schedule a free developmental screening appointment.



Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a voluntary family education and support program for parents of young children.

The program is based on the beliefs that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers and that the early years lay the foundation for children's success in school and in life.

PAT provides the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Please call [\(314\) 953-7635](tel:3149537635) to inquire on PAT resources or to set up a home visit.



Why Should You Choose Hazelwood Early Childhood Education for Your Child?



- ★ HECE is one of the largest early childhood programs in the state serving over 1700 students annually.
- ★ The early childhood program curriculum is taught by highly qualified state-certified teachers with bachelor's or master's degrees.
- ★ The innovative curriculum developed by our team focuses on developmental norms and aligns with the Missouri Early Learning Goals outlined by the State.
- ★ Our early childhood education centers and elementary Pre-K classrooms are in your community and in your neighborhood.
- ★ The Hazelwood School District is accredited by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- ★ Hazelwood Early Childhood Education received the GOLD award recognition through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for our Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support program.

Vision

In Early Childhood, we establish a foundation for learning based upon a nurturing environment that is safe and secure. While recognizing the individual needs of students and families, we will encourage a positive partnership between home and school to foster the development of life-long learning.

Mission

Hazelwood Early Childhood will work together in a partnership with families and the community to create a positive and nurturing learning environment in order to ensure maximum growth and healthy development of every child.

Philosophy

The Hazelwood School District Early Childhood program operates under the philosophy that high quality early learning programs have long-term positive effects on children's successes in school and in life. Our program is focused on individual children and their families. Our curriculum embeds the Missouri Early Learning Standards and is a multi-age curriculum for students ages 3-5 years of age.



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Available Programs

• Early Childhood Special Education

We have a variety of programs for students who have developmental delays. Parents may request special education testing through our diagnostics department at **(314) 953-7635**.

• Title 1 Preschool

Students ages 3-5 years of age, who meet certain criteria may qualify for free preschool through our Title I program.

• Tuition Based, ADA, and Preschool Classes

Full and Half-day programs are offered by the District for students 3-5 years of age. Please contact **(314) 953-7635** to set up a free developmental screening to determine if your child qualifies.



What Your Child Will Experience

- ❖ Highly certified teachers
- ❖ Technology in the classroom
- ❖ Hands-on exploration
- ❖ Learning centers
- ❖ Language and vocabulary development
- ❖ Beginning reading skills
- ❖ Alphabet and colors
- ❖ Counting and numbers
- ❖ Social/Emotional Curriculum
- ❖ Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Enrollment Documentation

When notified of a preschool placement, you will need the following documents for online registration.

- ★ Birth Certificate
- ★ Deed, Mortgage Statement, Real Estate Tax Receipt, or Current Lease
- ★ One current utility bill
- ★ Approved immunization records
- ★ Driver's license or state-issued identification card
- ★ Guardianship documents, if applicable



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Website Links

- [HSD Early Childhood Education](#)
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- [HSD Student Enrollment](#)
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