



The Early Learning Center is a “Five-Star” Step Up To Quality program (SUTQ). Step Up To Quality is a rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age child care licensing health and safety regulations. SUTQ program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

Why is a high quality preschool program important?

High quality preschools build on what a child already knows and can do through Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP). This means that teaching is based on each child’s age and stage of development; helping each child meet goals that are just right for that child; and valuing and including each child’s family, language and culture. High quality preschools also support children’s learning through active, hands-on, “minds-on” play and learning; by connecting new ideas and skills to what children already know and can do; by exploring and making sense of their world; by interacting with caring adults; and through teacher guided learning.

* cited from www.naeyc.org



Early Learning Center

Ashtabula Area City Schools
Located at Huron Primary
2300 Wade Ave.,
Ashtabula, OH 44004
440-992-1230



The Early Learning Center is a preschool program designed to meet the unique needs of young children ages 3 - 5.

We are an integrated, developmentally appropriate special education program that includes typically developing preschool children.

Fees:

Special Education - child identified with a disability through our preschool special education team and has an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), this program is free and busing is available.

Early Childhood Education program (ECE) - which provides high-quality preschool services to eligible children in order to prepare children for success in kindergarten. The state-funded grant is awarded to preschool programs who are required to provide comprehensive services that support a child's growth and learning using developmentally appropriate practices. Busing *may be* available for these children.

Typically developing children (do not have a disability and families who do not qualify for a reduced fee), the fee is \$100 monthly. Busing ***NOT*** available.

Registration:

If you are interested in having your child attend our program, please go online to **aacs.net**

- click on "Student Registration".
- Then click on the Preschool Pre-Registration Form button.
- Complete the pre-registration form and someone will contact you with further registration instructions within 48 working hours.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact:

Huron Primary office at
440-992-1230.

The Early Learning Center offers half-day programming. Your child can only attend one of these sessions.

Monday - Friday

Morning Session
7:30-10:15

Afternoon Session
11:30-2:15

We follow the AACS District school calendar with a few exceptions. Those exceptions are conveyed to families through Class Dojo; monthly classroom calendars, special notices and via the district messaging system.