Frequently Asked Questions about Preschool at EECV

Welcome to the Elyria Early Childhood Village!

Elyria Early Childhood Village serves preschool age students in a safe, caring, educationally stimulating school environment. We serve students with and without disabilities in classrooms of mixed age groups. Our program is rooted in play and other developmentally appropriate teaching practices. Our learning environment provides opportunities for active exploration, guided discovery, and first hand experiences. We emphasize problem solving, good decision making, independent and creative thinking, plus opportunity for concrete, real, practical experiences. Working as a team at this primary level, the school and home can accomplish great things in the development of your child.

Feel free to call us at the school (440-284-8250) if you have any questions. We are here to offer any assistance that we can.

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EECV Hours:

Office Hours - 8:00~AM to 4:00~PM Monday through Friday during the school year

Preschool Morning Classes 9:10-11:40 AM Preschool Afternoon Classes 12:40-3:10 PM



I want my child to attend EECV for Preschool. How do I make this happen?

- To apply go to http://www.elyriaschools.org, click on Popular Links then click on Student Registration. Note that additional steps will be needed after applying on the website based on your program choice.
- For details on how to find the link look at the Online Application Help document.
- You will need to have your child's immunization record, birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency, parent/guardian ID, and any custody documentation needed for enrollment.
- Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis.

What does the program look like?

Integrated Preschool Classrooms (3-5 year olds):
 AM session: 9:10 – 11:40 AM, Monday through Thursday

PM session: 12:40 – 3:10 PM, Monday through Thursday

General Education Preschool Classrooms: (3-5 year olds)
 AM session: 9:10 – 11:40 AM, Monday through Friday

PM session: 12:40 – 3:10 PM, Monday through Friday

LOCATION: Elyria Early Childhood Village. 42101 Griswold Rd.

What is the difference between an integrated and general education classroom?

Integrated Preschool Classroom: The integrated program is half day and meets 4 days per week. These classrooms are a mix of preschool students with disabilities and typically developing peers. A peer model is a child without a disability who displays typical development and behavior in the classroom setting. Peer models are friends and models to students with identified disabilities in the same classroom. All students in the program participate in a variety of developmentally appropriate preschool activities. Peer models benefit from being a part of our integrated program by developing meaningful peer relationships, developing leadership and confidence in individual abilities, receiving high quality instruction and curriculum, and developing empathy and acceptance for all children. The program individualizes learning and is appropriate for children of varying backgrounds, tailored to the current developmental level of each child. Please see additional details regarding tuition in a later section. An integrated preschool classroom caps at 12 students and is an equal mix (6:6) of students with disabilities and typical peers. There is one teacher (an intervention specialist) and one educational aide assigned to these classrooms.

General Education Classroom: The general education program is half day and meets 5 days per week. The program individualizes learning and is appropriate for children of varying backgrounds, tailored to the current developmental level of each child. Our general education program is a part of the Ohio Department of Education's Early Learning Education Grant. Students may qualify for the grant to cover the tuition cost of this program if they meet qualifications. Please see additional details regarding tuition in a later section. A general education classroom caps at 18 students. There is one general education teacher and one educational aide assigned to these classrooms.

For either program, <u>bus transportation</u> can be provided to and from school for Elyria City School District residents within Elyria City School District boundaries. A transportation request form needs to be completed.

What are the participation requirements?

- Children must be three years of age on or before September 30th.
- Children must be fully toilet trained and independent in the restroom.
- Families must comply with preschool regulations, which requires regular attendance at school and parent conferences and compliance with Communicable Disease Policy, including all requirements for immunizations and physical examinations prior to school entrance
- Because we are a licensed preschool program, a <u>Child's Medical Statement</u> (signed and dated by a physician) must be completed and given to the school within the first 30 days of your child attending school.
- If you suspect that your child has a delay that may require special education services, please contact the office at 440-284-8250 prior to enrolling your child as a typical student.

Tuition for the 2021-22 school year:

Integrated 4-day classrooms:

The tuition is \$75.00 per month. A one time, non-refundable \$25 registration fee is to be collected at the time of enrollment (check or money order only). Tuition will be collected on a monthly basis by the secretary of the building and is due the 1st of the month. Tuition may be paid by check or money order made out to Elyria City Schools or may be paid online on the district website. If any concerns arise regarding ability to make payments, please contact the secretary immediately. Late payment with failure to contact may result in dismissal from the program.

General Education 5-day classrooms:

Standard tuition is \$100 per month for Elyria City Schools district residents who do not qualify for the grant (\$204 for non-Elyria City School district residents). A one time, non-refundable \$25 registration fee is to be collected at the time of enrollment (check or money order only). Tuition will be collected on a monthly basis by the secretary of the building and is due the 1st of the month. Tuition may be paid by check or money order made out to Elyria City Schools or may be paid online on the district website. If any concerns arise regarding ability to make payments, please contact the secretary immediately. Late payment with failure to contact may result in dismissal from our program.

Parents/Guardians can complete a screening form to see if their child **may qualify for FREE** tuition by qualifying for the ECE Grant. To qualify for the grant, students must be 4 years old by September 30th 2021, not yet Kindergarten eligible, and the family must meet certain household income guidelines. More information about how a student may qualify is available by calling 440-284-8250.