About Us

The Early Learning Center of Lorain County is a preschool program designed for children ages 3 - 5(⁎). The program serves an equal mix of typically developing children and children with special needs. The typically developing children, referred to as Peer Models, are an integral part of the preschool program as they demonstrate age-appropriate communications, planning and self-help skills while learning. The Early Learning Center of Lorain County is staffed by teachers licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and follows a developmentally appropriate and multi-sensory curriculum aligned with the State of Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards.

The Early Learning Center of Lorain County services the school districts of Clearview, Firelands, Keystone and Wellington Exempted Village Schools.

(⁎Peer Model must be age three (3) by September 30.)

Mission Statement

At the Early Learning Center we encourage learning and growth in a safe and fun environment for all children, families and educators.

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Class Times/Tuition

- We offer Monday-Friday classes
  Select the best class time for you:
  8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
  12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
  8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (full day option)
- **Monthly Tuition**
  $215 for Half-Day | $415 for Full-Day
- Reduced tuition: Availability based on age and income guidelines

Our Program

- Applications are accepted year-round
- Enrollment is December - February
- Educational Aides in all classrooms
- Large playground and indoor gross-motor play space
- Frequent visits from the Lorain County Metro Parks, local librarians and other community professionals
- LCCC and LCJVS Program allows the opportunity for student-teaching and in-class observations
- Quality curriculum aligned with Ohio Early Learning Content Standards
- Kindergarten readiness skills

Extended Care Details

- Before School: 6:30 - 8:15 a.m.
- After School: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- **Monthly Fee:**

Before or After - $65
Before and After - $130 (***full-day students only***)

PTO Meetings

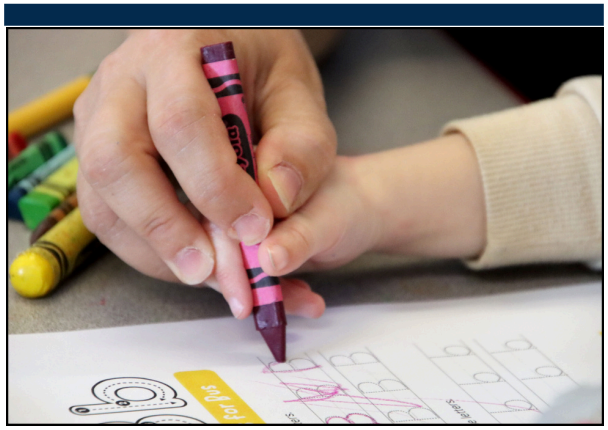
Parents are important partners in a child's learning and development. The Early Learning Center PTO holds monthly meetings that provide parents with the opportunity to:

- Volunteer
- Assist with fundraisers
- Support teachers and students

Classroom Details

- All classroom teachers have a minimum of a 4-year degree
- Each class has at least one educational aide
- Maximum of 16 students for integrated classrooms and 24 students for general education
- Daily activities include: circle time, learning centers, gross motor time outdoor play, indoor gym, educational garden and snack

Program Philosophy

The Early Learning Center of Lorain County is part of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. This is a child-centered program devoted to meeting each child's unique needs. Our focus is on the whole child. We believe it is important to provide a safe and nurturing setting in which to foster each child's self-help, physical/motor skills, language/communication, social/emotional development, learning/cognitive and aesthetic development.

The teachers serve as facilitators to guide children in varied learning experiences. These activities are primarily child-orientated and child-directed. Children progress at their own developmental pace. The overall goal is to foster in each child a positive sense of their own self-worth and a belief in their own ability to learn and grow as capable, independent individuals.