

INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The East Lyme Integrated Preschool Program is a district program located at Lillie B. Haynes Elementary School. It serves children ages three to five years of age from East Lyme with special needs and their typically developing peers.

Program Philosophy

Play is a child's work. The program philosophy is that children learn best through active participation in a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences. It is essential that these experiences be provided in a safe environment staffed by adults who are sensitive and responsive to children's needs. The program uses a reverse mainstream model, which allows for an integrated education, and benefits both children with and without special needs. This inclusive education provides an opportunity to build friendships, social interaction, and teaches all children to understand and accept human differences. The program is a language-enriched program that adheres to the standards of the Preschool Curricular Goals and Benchmarks developed by the State Department of Education.

The East Lyme Integrated Preschool follows the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. Our overall goal is to foster competent learners. We strive to provide early learning experiences that allow children to:

- Be creative
- Be inquisitive
- Be flexible
- Be critical thinkers
- Be social learners
- Be purposeful and reflective

Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards link:

<http://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/earlycare/elds/ctelds.pdf>

Curriculum Components

The preschool program bases its curriculum on promoting the learning and the development of the "whole child" focusing on all areas of development:

- Language and Literacy
- Cognition
- Social-Emotional
- Physical

The program is structured yet allows children to make choices about their play. The children learn best through well-structured, concrete, relevant, play-based experiences with teachers who act as guides, observers, and questioners. Materials are both age, developmentally and individually appropriate.

Program Information

Location: Lillie B. Haynes School
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Program Days & Times: 3 HR Session Mon., Tues.,Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am – 11:30 am
5 HR Session Mon., Tues.,Thurs., Fri. 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Tuition Rates for Peers: 3 HR Session \$1700.00
5 HR Session \$1910.00

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