



Laguna Beach Unified School District's Learning Link

What is the Learning Link?

The Learning Link is a “hands on” learning experience for children 2½ - 5 years of age and their parents or caregivers. Our activities are designed to stimulate young minds and promote positive parent child interactions. Our Early Learning Specialist and an Instructional Assistant will be present to assist with activities and offer parent education resources and referrals. All Learning Link activities are designed to build skills necessary for a successful transition to kindergarten.

At the Learning Link, a family will receive information on the following:

- Family Literacy Activities
- School Readiness Tips
- Transition to Kindergarten
- Parent Education
- Nutrition and Health
- Referrals to Community Resources

What are the hours for the Learning Link? The Learning Link is open for **registered** families on selected Tuesdays. Families are permitted to attend the Learning Link during their scheduled class time with learning and literacy centers offered to encourage reading, language development, fine and gross motor skills and school readiness.

Are there any special requirements for attending the Learning Link? Yes! We require that each family pre-register and complete a registration packet before they attend the Learning Link. After the registration documents are received, our School Readiness Nurse will also provide each

participating family with a developmental screening and a vision and hearing test to support their child's healthy growth and development.

Is there a fee to attend the Learning Link? There is no fee at this time to attend the Learning Link. Our program is currently funded through a grant from the First 5 Orange County Children and Families Commission.

Is the Learning Link a “drop off” program for young children? No. The Learning Link is a “drop in” educational program for both parent and child. If a parent can not attend the Learning Link due to a scheduling conflict, they may give preauthorization for another adult to bring their child.

Can siblings attend the Learning Link? Yes. A sibling may attend the Learning Link, if they are between the ages of 2 ½ -5 years old and are pre-registered for our program.

What should I do if my child cannot attend the Learning Link? If your child is going to miss a session at the Learning Link, please email Sandee Bandettini at sbandettini@lbusd.org. We ask that you give us 24 hours notice because the Learning Link is limited to 12 spots per session. If your child cannot attend, we would like to offer that spot to another family.

If you have any additional questions about the Learning Link, please do not hesitate to contact Sandee Bandettini, Early Learning Specialist at sbandettini@lbusd.org.

