

# JULIA GOLDSTEIN

**Early Childhood Education Center** [www.ucityschools.org/JGEC](http://www.ucityschools.org/JGEC)  
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Crystal Cauley, *Principal*

Welcome to Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center, providing services for children from birth to kindergarten and their families through tuition-based options as well as early childhood special education and Parents As Teachers (PAT). Julia Goldstein ECEC currently serves 140 students through school programs and more than 550 children through PAT screenings and/or home visits. It is accredited by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth. It provides before and aftercare programs.

## A Reggio Emilia Approach

Teachers are actively trained in the Reggio-Emilia approach, an internationally-recognized early childhood education philosophy that puts the child at the center of discovery and self-expression. Teachers create classroom learning environments conducive to inquiry learning. Teachers are challenged to deepen their level of instructional practices to spark students as independent learners and thinkers by appreciating children's natural inclinations of exploration and wonder. The center frequently partners with premier local institutions such as COCA, The Sheldon and The St. Louis Science Center to develop intentional, hands-on learning about their place and space in the world.

## School Mission

Julia Goldstein's mission is to partner with families of children prenatal to kindergarten as they gain knowledge through developmentally appropriate practices that encourage curiosity, creativity and responsibility while providing a strong foundation for successful life-long learning.

## Addressing Needs of ALL Students

Students have access to support services from the school nurse, guidance counselor and social worker. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) offers instruction and lessons designed specifically for students with disabilities as indicated in the Individualized Education Plan. Personalized support for English language learners is also provided.

## Well-Being and Joy

Students learn better when they feel loved, safe, included and challenged. All District teachers are expected to teach with the head and heart with the understanding positive relationships are the foundation of learning. Teachers and staff are trained to be trauma-informed and culturally responsive. Schools participate in restorative practices to build community and relationships and repair harm when a wrong has been done.

## School Motto for Positive Behavior

We make Strong Choices each day to: Be Safe; Be Kind; Be Responsible

*Join us on our journey of **Learning Reimagined**, a path to Humanize, Personalize and Problematicize student education through modern, rigorous and relevant learning experiences.*

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## History

Julia Goldstein officially opened to children on March 18, 1996. The 27,000 square-foot building includes 12 classrooms, a community room, a multipurpose room, a fully-equipped kitchen and a developmentally-appropriate preschool playground. In 2014, the District opened an “atelier,” an arts studio, at Julia Goldstein. This enrichment room is used to explore the many ways that children communicate such as painting, drawing, building, or moving with long-term units designed by the teachers and students. Students learn in an outdoor garden and the state-of-the art playground has a student-designed Sound Wall and Mud Kitchen made in partnership with experts at Washington University to optimize play and learning of basic concepts and skills such as measurement and motor skills.

## Screenings: 314-290-4391

Developmental screenings are offered in general development, language, hearing, vision and physical development. Children ages six through 36 months are screened through Parents as Teachers. Screening for three-to-five year olds is scheduled at the center.

## Tuition-based Preschool: 314-290-4391

A limited number of students can be accepted for tuition-based preschool each semester. Tuition is based on family size and income. Rates range up to \$160 weekly with a \$20 non-refundable registration fee. Full-day attendance is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday following the District’s calendar for early release and no school days.

## Parents As Teachers (PAT): 314-290-4276

This parent education program offers personal visits and activities for families expecting a child or families with children birth to five years old. Research-based neuroscience information is offered to enable parents to maximize their child’s learning potential. Resource materials and developmental health, hearing and vision screenings are also provided. Group meetings are held in conjunction with the Early Childhood classes to encourage parent/child interaction.

## Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE): 314-290-4391

The School District of University City provides special education services for children with developmental delays who are ages three up to kindergarten entry. Referrals from community agencies, screening, and Parents As Teachers help in identifying students for intervention. Diagnostic testing, evaluation, writing of Individual Education Plans (IEP) and delivery of most services are available at our center. Often, necessary special services are provided within the classroom setting, which allows the child to receive the benefit of inclusion with appropriate support to develop to potential. The IEP services determine half-day or full-day attendance.

## Before and After Care: 314-962-9450

Before care (7:00 to 8:30 a.m.) and/or aftercare (3:30 to 6:00 p.m.) is provided on-site for families with students enrolled in our classrooms. To enroll your child, contact (314) 962-9450. Fees apply.

*All schools in The School District of University City are designated as Title I.  
Each school receives federal funding to provide extra services to students,  
coaching and professional development for teachers and parent involvement activities.*

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Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center is a partner with Parents As Teachers (PAT). PAT is a national program that offers free parent education program through home visits and activities for families with children up to the age of five years old. Visits can begin during the prenatal stage. Utilizing research-based neuroscience information on child development, PAT enables parents to maximize their child's learning potential.

### PAT families receive

- **Personal Visits:** Parent educators share age-appropriate, child development and parenting information, help parents learn to observe children and address parenting concerns.
- **Parent Group Meetings:** Parents learn and support each other, observe their children with other children, practice parenting children and share information about parenting issues and child development.
- **Screenings:** Children's overall development including health, hearing and vision are assessed.
- **Resource Network:** Families are linked to local community services and resources.

### PAT in University City

- Provides an initial visit and screenings to all families. Additional visits are based upon qualifications such as income, children in the home with special needs, children with very low birth weight, military status and other special circumstances.
- Offers home or center visit options with experienced parent educators.
- Involves families in preschool activities in conjunction with Early Childhood classes to encourage parent/child interaction.
- Gives post-screening support to children and families.
- Prepares students and families for the preschool and elementary school experience.
- Encourages early literacy by providing books to participating families.
- Independent evaluations show PAT benefits children throughout their school years.

If interested, call 314-290-4276 or email [ccauley@ucityschools.org](mailto:ccauley@ucityschools.org).

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