



Novi Early Years Program Comparison

	Preschool	Wildcat Launch KDG	Kindergarten	1st Grade
	Early Childhood Center	All K-4 Buildings	All K-4 Buildings	All K-4 Buildings
Age	Children must turn <u>3 or 4 years old</u> by December 1 of the year in which they are registering.	Children must turn 5 years old between September 2 and December 1 of the registration year.	Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 of the registration year.	Children are typically <u>6 years old</u> on or before September 1 of the year in which they are registering.
Daily Schedule	Half & Full Day Options	Full Day 9:00 am-3:52 pm	Full Day 9:00 am-3:52 pm	Full Day 9:00 am-3:52 pm
Description	Students learn social/emotional skills through purposeful play and exploration. Builds a strong foundation for future success by focusing on essential skills/concepts at an age-appropriate pace.	Develop academic skills, independence, and self-regulation. Intentional focus on social/emotional development. Become confident communicators and build social skills. Lower maximum class size.	Focus on mastery of Kindergarten skills and curriculum standards. Students learn skills for success. Greater emphasis on academic goals.	Focus on mastery of 1st grade skills/standards. Students develop greater independence. Longer engagement expected during lessons.
Curriculum	Uses Creative Curriculum. Supports learning through hands-on activities. Aligned to Michigan Early Childhood Standards. Lesson plans focus on social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.	Kindergarten curriculum aligned to Michigan standards. Focus on exposure to topics/skills. Uses high-interest themes and play-based learning to engage curiosity.	Michigan Kindergarten standards: Mastery focus. Uses hands-on learning and gradual release of responsibility.	Michigan 1st Grade standards: Mastery focus. Includes whole/small group learning and increased independence.