

Program Overview

The Early Learning Program provides developmentally appropriate educational experiences designed to support each child's cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and language development. Instruction is aligned with AZ Early Learning Standards and is implemented in a safe nurturing, and inclusive environment that promotes our goal to establish a partnership with our families ensuring each child receives the best care and developmental growth support needed.

Hours of Operation

The Lil' Explorers Learning Centers are open Monday thru Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

School Intersession and Holidays

Lil' Explorers Camps are available during intersession and summer breaks. Camps are hosted at one of our three centers each break. All centers are closed on CUSD observed holidays (see the current CUSD school calendar).

Parent Participation

Parent/guardian participation is an important component of the Early Learning Program. Families are encouraged to support their child's education experience through regular attendance, open communication with the teachers and participation in family activities. Family engagement supports children's development and strengthens the home-school connection. To meet the daily needs of your child, parents are asked to maintain the necessary supply of diapers, wipes, rash ointments, sippy cups, crib/cot sheets, blanket, pull-ups, and change of clothes. Please label all items that are brought to the center with your child's first & lastname.

Daily Schedule

6:30AM – 9:00 AM Check-In AM Snack Learning Centers
9:00AM -11:30AM Group Time Music & Movement Outside Play Learning Centers
11:30 AM – 3:00 PM Lunch Rest time Afternoon snack
3:00PM – 5:30 pm Outside Play Group Time Learning Centers Music & Movement

Our program operates according to a consistent daily schedule designed to support children's developmental, instructional, and social emotional needs. The daily schedule includes a balance of instructional activities, active and quiet learning experiences, and routine daily transitions.

Diapers are checked every hour and are changed when soiled. Children who are emotionally, physically, and cognitively ready will be encouraged to use the bathroom to aid children to transition from diapers to toileting. Handwashing is performed after diapering/toileting, before and after eating and being outside

Program Guidelines

Lil' Explorers is available for children from 2 years old prior to enrollment through pre-kindergarten age.

Our centers maintain an open-door policy and welcome parents at any time. Tour appointments are preferred to provide a quality visit and allow time to assist parents with the enrollment process. Please contact the site to arrange a tour of the center, confirm availability, and obtain registration instructions.

To Enroll:

- 1) Parents will create their account profile at [Lil' Explorers - CUSD Community Education](#)
- 2) Select the school year, then the site, and the classroom.
- 3) Enter all requested information and complete the questionnaire/agreement.
- 4) Your registration request will be held as "Pending" until reviewed and approved. You will receive an email when the contract is approved, and the annual \$80.00 non-refundable registration fee will be charged to the card associated with your account. The choice of weekly or monthly billing is only available once a year.
- 5) Automatic payments are charged to your card on a weekly/monthly basis. Payments cannot be accepted at the sites. Chargeback/Stop Payment fee of \$25.00 will be assessed if charges are disputed or stopped. Late fees may also be assessed to parent account.
- 6) Refund Policy – The annual registration fee is non-refundable. Unused days will not be refunded.
- 7) The Community Education Accounting Office is located at 1525 W. Frye Road, Chandler, AZ 85224. The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Email contact: CEACT@cUSD80.com

To Disenroll:

- Cancellation/Disenrollment means a child will not be attending the childcare center.
- Parents should make their Change Request/Cancellation in Eleyo within 10 business days of the next payment due date.

Weekly/Monthly Rates

	Weekly/ Monthly Rate	CUSD Employee Rate
2 years old		
5 Full Days	\$269/\$928	\$229/\$789
3 Full Days	N/A	\$187/\$648
3-4 years old		
5 Full Days	\$269/\$928	\$229/\$789
3 Full Days	N/A	\$187/\$648

\$80 annual registration fee.

3-day options are available for

CUSD employees only

Admission/Release Requirements

Lil' Explorers children are required to be signed in and out each day. When enrolling your child, please designate on the emergency information card at least two people other than the parents/guardians, to whom your child may be released. At the end of the day your child will only be released to an adult listed on your emergency information card. Photo ID must be presented.

Positive Guidance Procedures

Lil' Explorers uses a positive approach to discipline by directing children toward age- appropriate behavior. Teachers help the children to develop self-discipline by:

- Applying positive guidance and reinforcement strategies to support appropriate behavior choices.
- Redirecting the child
- Implementing patience, love, and understanding
- Setting clearly defined limits
- Talking about acceptable ways of handling situations as they arise

Transportation

Parents are responsible for providing transportation.

Field Trips

The program does not participate in off campus field trips.

Insurance

The district maintains appropriate liability insurance coverage in accordance with School District Policy and applicable state regulations to support program operations and ensure student safety. Documentation of liability insurance coverage is available for review on the facility premises.

Medication Administration

Medication will be administered to children only when it is necessary during the program day. All medication must be provided in the original properly labeled container and clearly indicate the child's name, medication name and dosage, and administration instructions. The state approved medication form must be filled out completely. All medication must be given to staff to ensure proper storage.

Accident and Emergency Procedures

The safety and well-being of children is a priority of Lil' Explorers. In the event of an accident or medical emergency, program staff will take appropriate action in accordance with district policies and procedures. Parents/guardians will be notified if their child is injured or becomes ill during program hours. Minor injuries will be treated on site by trained staff, and an incident report will be completed and shared with the parent/ guardian at pick up. In event of a serious injury or emergency, emergency medical services will be contacted immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to contact parents or guardians without delay.

Pesticide Notification

Parent notices are posted at least 48 hours prior to a pesticide application on the parent board.



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