



OUR CURRICULUM

Opening the World of Learning (OWL) is a comprehensive pre-kindergarten program that includes books, songs, stories, and conversations. It gives our students the opportunity to learn in the following domains: social and emotional development, language and communication, emergent literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, technology, and physical development. OWL is research-based and offers author articles, annotated lessons, and a research bibliography.



OUR STAFF

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TO SUPPORT

Individuals or corporations who make a contribution to support the local matching fund of an approved early learning collaborative may be eligible to receive a state tax credit for the donated amount up to \$1 million.

Supporting the Hattiesburg Early Learning Collaborative is a direct investment in preparing Hattiesburg's youngest students!

To learn more: visit MississippiFirst.org

To support: contact Mrs. Mikell at 601-582-5078 ext. 1076 or by email at Hope.Mikell@hattiesburgpsd.com



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OUR PARTNERS

Hattiesburg Public Schools

301 Mamie St., Hattiesburg, MS
(Superintendent: Dr. Robert Williams,
Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Pre K-5th: Hope Mikell)

PRVO Head Start

100 W. Front St., Hattiesburg, MS
(Director: Sherrone McDonald)

Tunjia's Little Ones Child Development Center

104 N. 39th Ave., Hattiesburg, MS
(Director: Tunjia Felts)

TJ's Learning Center

1903 Arcadia St., Hattiesburg, MS
(Director: Renea Causey)

SmartStart Community School

412 JC Killingsworth Dr., Hattiesburg, MS
(Director: Shalonda Booth)

OUR COLLABORATIVE

The Hattiesburg Early Learning Collaborative is the largest early learning collaborative in the Pine Belt. Any child who is 4 years old by September 1 of the upcoming school year is eligible for the program. Enrollment is voluntary. All HELC classrooms are provided with the same resources, assessments, high-quality curriculum, and experienced teachers. We are dedicated to ensuring that Hattiesburg preschoolers are ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

OUR MISSION

To develop a partnership with early childhood agencies, families, and the community to educate early learners in a supportive and enriched environment that benefits their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

OUR TEACHERS

Lead teachers hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child development, or a related field. Assistant teachers hold a minimum of an Associate's degree in early childhood education, child development, or a related field. Our teacher to student ratio is 1:10.

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

The Center provides:

- Fun, standards-based learning centers
- Story time and literacy instruction
- Parent trainings
- Early Intervention services
- Community Early Learning partnerships
- Interactive Discovery Rooms

Open Tuesday/Thursday from 9:00-12:00 and by appointment. Please call 601-582-6672.

Located at 901 Ida Ave., Hattiesburg, MS.