



Benefits of a Dedicated Early Childhood Program

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Some of the learning benefits for students in a dedicated facility for early education include:

- Learning can be easily tailored to each child based upon their needs and readiness.
- Children will be highly engaged through different learning approaches including blended learning, project based learning, flexible grouping, and the ability to use their learning in creative ways.
- The reconfiguration will support our efforts in meeting the expectations of the 3rd Grade Reading Law (PA 306 of 2016, HB 4822).
- Class sizes can be “leveled” creating similar teacher to student ratios between classrooms, creating similar learning environments for all like aged students.

Emotional benefits for students in a focused early education program include:

- Children will benefit from being with children their own age that are also transitioning to a new early educational experience at school.
- There will be a building-wide emphasis on providing a safe and positive school environment and culture that supports the intentional early on development of healthy and trusting relationships.
- Classroom and school wide lessons will be provided to assist children with dealing with healthy choices, stress, trauma, and empathy.
- There will be an intentional focus on building positive relationships with families and providing experiences to share resources and empower families in helping their child be successful.

Some of the social benefits may include:

- Through building-wide consistent, “age-appropriate” character education lessons, all children will be learning and practicing similar social skills at the same time.
- Common and consistent foundational social skills can be developed around social norms (making friends, playground behavior expectations, conflict resolution, problem solving, etc.)

In addition, several other positive outcomes will be experienced in an early elementary setting such as:

- Educator collaboration through true Professional Learning Communities.
- Focused vision, mission, and goals for an entire building with focus on early education.
- Greater opportunities for flexible and targeted interventions.
- Families will be able to share in very similar experiences related specifically to transitioning to school.