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Founded in 2011, the Early Learning Center was launched by Granger Community Church to offer Michiana families high-quality, faithbased early childhood education and emerged in the nation's top 6% of NAEYC accredited schools.

Today, the vision has expanded as an intergenerational school in the state-of-the-art Early Learning Center. Situated on the Hubbard Hill campus in Elkhart, we are pleased to be celebrating two years of excellence in serving our community.



Mission

We partner with families to raise joyful, curious, caring children in a faith-filled community of lifelong learners.

Vision

An intergenerational community model for holistic early learning that transforms lives across generations.

Values

FAMILIES

We value and honor all people as God's creation from every corner of our world.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

We support and develop experiences that nurture the spiritual development, character, and uniqueness of each child and their families.

LEARNING

We believe educating the whole person is an unending process nurtured at home with family and extended to the Early Learning Center through healthy, loving interactions with people of all ages.

ELC COMMUNITY

We cultivate a trusting community with shared goals and values to inspire joy, a sense of beauty, and wonder for young children. We will bring our best comprehensive learning experiences by strengthening knowledge, skills, and mindsets to connect and serve others.

INNOVATION

We embrace new methodologies for learning and choose evidence-based methods and materials for our programs. We challenge existing practices to pave the way for creative, authentic thinking and problem solving occurring in the context of trusting relationships.

Where intergenerational relationships bloom

The cornerstones of the Early Learning Center



ELC educators

Children will learn in age specific environments that are clean, safe, and secure. ELC professionals are educated and highly trained in early childhood education. ELC educators participate in professional development to remain in the forefront of early learning.

Faith-based

We guide children in the formation of their faith through a Head, Heart, and Hands approach. We use the Orange-First Look[™] strategy along with age-appropriate teaching to help children grow in faith and love for others. As a faith-filled community, we gather to pray and serve others, whether it be our classmates, or others in need.

HighScope curriculum

HighScope Curriculum is built on respect for the child as an active learner and a constructor of knowledge. We focus on children's strengths using those strengths to craft individualized learning opportunities.

Non-Profit

As a locally owned nonprofit, we exist to respond to the needs of children in this community and all resources are dedicated to the ELC.

Family engagement

Family engagement in a child's education is critical to their growth and development. We partner with families to share in their everyday moments and invite them to take part in classroom happenings, projects, and events, such as Fall Fun Day, our Christmas Celebration, and other meaningful and community-building activities.

Intergenerational experiences

Intergenerational experiences build relationships, empathy, trust, patience, and bring about feelings of acceptance across generations. Seniors provide a wealth of knowledge and understanding and offer extra attention to our students.



Features and Benefits

A world-class early learning center borrowing from best practices around the region. Our mutual emphasis on excellence, faith, values, mission, innovation, community-based foundation, and richness of heritage validates the perfect alignment between the Early Learning Center and Hubbard Hill.

- 31,000 sq. ft. of classrooms and learning spaces for all ages
- Indoor playground for active winter play
- **Cozy Library** with thousands of children's books to inspire a love of reading
- The AEP Arts Center with a dedicated art instructor
- Two outdoor learning areas with state-of-the-art equipment
- Weekly Music and Movement classes for each classroom

The little things

Hours Before Care: 7:30am – 8:20am School Day: 8:20am – 3:30pm After Care: 3:30pm – 5:30pm Infant, Toddler, Young Preschool and Preschool Schedule Options Monday – Friday Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday

Pre-Kindergarten Schedule Options

Monday – Friday Monday – Thursday Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday, Thursday

Meal Plan

Lunch and snacks are included in tuition. Cold breakfast is served during Before School Care. Late afternoon snack is served during After School Care.

Other Details

\$150 annual application fee per family. Before & After School Care: \$20 per hour Or \$25 per hour for drop ins (subject to availability)

Infant/Toddler 6 weeks to 12 mo. old as of August 1, 2025 Toddler 1s and 2s 1 or 2 years old as of August 1, 2025 Young Preschool 2.5 years old as of August 1, 2025 **Preschool** 3 years old as of August 1, 2025 Pre-Kindergarten 4 years old as of August 1, 2025

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