

Early Learning Center at the College of Southern Maryland

What is it?

The Early Learning Center at the College of Southern Maryland is housed in the college's former St. Charles Children's Learning Center. CCPS has leased the building and is currently renovating it. The center will expand the CCPS early childhood education program, fulfilling the early childhood education requirement found in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation.

Need to know

Q: When will the center open?

A: The center is set to open in Fall 2023.

Q: Where will the center be located?

A: The center will be on the La Plata campus of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM). CSM is at 8730 Mitchell Road.

Q: How many classrooms will be at the center?

A: There will be five classrooms for 4-year-old prekindergarten students. Some of the classes will be inclusion classrooms.

Q: Who will staff the center?

A: The center will be fully staffed with CCPS employees. Certified teachers in prekindergarten and special education will be supported by qualified instructional assistants (IA). CCPS support staff will work at the center, too.

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Q: How many students are expected to attend the center?

A: About 90 to 100 students are expected to attend. Some of the students will have IEPs.

Q: What is the school zone for the center?

A: The zone is currently in other school zones. Families who apply for prekindergarten and live in the center's zone will be informed that the center is their prekindergarten location.

Q: How will students get to the center? Will there be meal service?

A: Transportation and meals will be provided to students.

Q: What about the curriculum? Will it be comparable to that taught in schools?

A: The curriculum at the center is the exact same as taught in all CCPS prekindergarten programs, including specials.

Q: How do children qualify to attend?

A: The center will follow the CCPS prekindergarten Tier system.

[Click here](#) to read more about the Tier system for prekindergarten.

Q: Can anyone apply to have their child attend?

A: No. Only families of students who live in the center's designated zone will be able to apply. No out of zone requests will be considered.

Q: How do I apply to work at the center?

A: Teachers interested in interviewing for a position at the center who have already indicated they would like to transfer, and have been deemed eligible to participate in the voluntary transfer process, should follow the directions for the Transfer Fair. Teachers who did not indicate transfer on the declaration of intent form will need to complete an application at ccboe.com. Postings for non-certificated positions will be listed in the summer.

More info

For more information on the center, go to www.ccboe.com.