

JULIA GOLDSTEIN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

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Welcome to Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center, providing services for children from birth up to Kindergarten along with their families through tuition-based options, as well as early childhood special education and Parents As Teachers. Julia Goldstein ECEC currently serves 120 students through the school programs and more than 550 children through PAT screenings and/or home visits and is accredited by the Missouri Accreditation of Programs for Children and Youth. It provides before and aftercare programs through Monsanto YMCA

SCHOOL MISSION

Julia Goldstein ECEC's mission is to partner with families of children prenatal to kindergarten as they gain knowledge through developmentally appropriate practices that encourage curiosity, creativity, and responsibility while providing a strong foundation for successful life-long learning.

HISTORY

Julia Goldstein ECEC officially opened on March 18, 1996. The 27,000 square-foot building includes 12 classrooms, a community room (a meeting space / computer lab for students, families and/or staff), a multipurpose room, a fully-equipped kitchen and a developmentally-appropriate preschool playground.

ADDRESSING NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

Students have access to support services from the school nurse, guidance counselor and social worker. Academics are enhanced with hands-on learning activities for all students. Early Childhood Special Education offers instruction and lessons designed specifically for students with disabilities. Personalized support for English language learners is also provided.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORTS

Students must learn to work within the structures of the school environment to improve achievement for all. Not all children come to school with the same understanding regarding appropriate school behavior. The structures, routines and processes of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) ensure that schools provide teaching of these expectations so students will experience social, emotional and academic success. All of our schools have been implementing PBIS since 2008 with pilot schools as early as 2006. Julia Goldstein ECEC earned the national Silver Award in 2011-15; and Bronze Award in 2010.



DEVELOPMENTAL FOCUS

Preschool teachers are exploring how the Reggio Emilia approach can deepen instructional practices as well as the level of student learning by creating classroom learning environments conducive to inquiry learning. The goal is to have classrooms become more naturalistic to allow room for exploration and wonder. In 2014, the District opened an “atelier,” an arts studio, at Julia Goldstein. This enrichment room is used to explore the many ways that children communicate such as painting, drawing, building, or moving with long-term units designed by the teachers and students.

SCREENINGS: 314-721-2965

Developmental screenings are offered in general development, language, hearing, vision and physical development. Children ages six through 36 months are screened through Parents as Teachers. Screening for three- to five-year-olds is scheduled at the center.

FULL-DAY TUITION PROGRAM: 314-721-2965

We offer a full-day, tuition-based placement. The tuition fee is on a sliding scale based on family size and income. Full-day attendance is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and the tuition rates range from \$80 - \$160 weekly. Plus, there is a \$20 nonrefundable registration fee.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS (PAT): 314-721-4120

This parent education program offers personal visits and activities for families expecting a child or families with children birth to five years old. Research based neuroscience information is offered to enable parents to maximize their child’s learning potential. Resource materials and developmental health, hearing and vision screenings are also provided. Group meetings are held in conjunction with the Early Childhood classes to encourage parent/child interaction.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (ECSE): 314-721-2965

The School District of University City provides special education services for children with developmental delays who are ages three up to kindergarten entry. Referrals from community agencies, screening, and Parents As Teachers help in identifying students for intervention. Diagnostic testing, evaluation, writing of Individual Education Plans (IEP) and delivery of most services are available at our center. Often, necessary special services are provided within the classroom setting, which allows the child to receive the benefit of inclusion with appropriate support to develop to potential. The IEP services determine half-day or full-day attendance.

THE MONSANTO YMCA BEFORE AND AFTER CARE: 314-367-4646

Before care (6:30 to 8:30 a.m.) and/or after care (3:30 to 6:00 p.m.) is provided on-site for families with students enrolled in our classrooms. To enroll your child, contact Sharon Holbrooks at (314)367-4646 ext. 36. Fees apply.