

## Mission Statement

The Early Childhood Laboratory School at Housatonic Community College has a two-fold purpose:

To provide a nationally accredited (NAEYC) preschool program for three, four and five year old children of students, staff, faculty and the community.

To serve as a laboratory setting and a resource for students in the Early Childhood Program and other disciplines in the college and professionals in the community.

## Eligibility

For your child to be eligible for our program he/she must be 3 years old by December 31st of the first year he/she is entering the program.

The program serves children with disabilities and from diverse racial, ethnic, economic and ability backgrounds.

Our school and outside play area are handicapped accessible.

Call or visit our school for information on registration procedures and tuition policies. The school receives funding from the Bridgeport School Readiness Grant and Care 4 Kids.

We are conveniently located off of I-95 and Rte 8/25.

## Rates

\$250/ Week

**Financial Assistance is available through Care 4 Kids and the Bridgeport School Readiness program for those who qualify.**

## Days & Hours

Monday - Friday  
7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Opened 50 weeks a year.

## Contact Us

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# Early Childhood Laboratory School

A top-notch, nationally accredited Pre-K right at your local community college!



**Enroll Your Child Today!**

## Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is based on the belief that each child is unique and deserves respect, consistency, and challenges for optimum growth and learning.

We understand that children are naturally curious and learn best when able to explore, manipulate real objects, work together with adults and children, make meaningful plans, and build upon what they already know.

Our classroom activities reflect these needs and foster independence, empathy, cooperation, and creativity. We also know programs need nurturing, consistent teachers who are knowledgeable about the stages of child development, respect family needs, and promote cultural diversity. Our teachers have their masters and bachelor degrees in education.



## Our Families as Partners

Our teachers are dedicated to building strong partnerships with families, beginning with welcoming parents into the classrooms.

Teachers share information regarding the child's daily experiences in brief chats with parents. In addition, the Director offers parenting seminars, family programs, and information about community resources.

## Our Goals

Teachers assist each child to realize his/her full potential. Children are supported in developing school readiness skills such as: social skills, motor skills, concept development, language skills, reading and writing, and more.

These objectives are met within a developmentally appropriate setting that promotes and encourages ongoing learning, positive self-esteem, trust, respect and concern for one another and nature. Our environment is safe, healthy, and supportive.

### A Child's Day at the Early Childhood Laboratory School of Housatonic Community College

- Morning Welcoming Circle - Children welcome each other to the classroom and discuss a language, math, science or social study concept.
- Free Learning Time - Children interact with each other in the learning centers. The teacher conducts a focused learning experience involving language, art, science, math or social studies. Teachers use the CT Preschool Curriculum Framework Standards in planning learning experiences.
- Music Time - Children participate in teacher-led music experiences
- Outdoor Exploration - Children participate in experiences in the outdoor play area
- Story Time - The teacher reads a book related to the learning theme.
- Lunch - This is also a time for teachers and children to socialize and talk about life events.
- Rest Time and Quiet Reading

The afternoon consists of enrichment activities, including music or story time and outdoor play.