

Program Overview

Lil' Explorers Learning Centers offer more than just quality childcare. Enrolled children are engaged through weekly themes and a variety of fun and hands-on activities. Our centers follow the Arizona Early Learning Standards and implement developmentally appropriate experiences that promote growth and development daily.

Our program includes individual and group activities throughout the day that offer many opportunities to explore the areas of early literacy, math, science, social studies, pre-writing skills, sensory, dramatic play, music and movement, and creative expression. Planned activities are designed to promote the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and language domains of a child's development.

Our goal is to establish a partnership with our families ensuring that each child is receiving the best care and developmental growth support needed while attending our centers.

Hours of Operation

The Lil' Explorers Learning Centers are open Monday thru Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

School Breaks and Holidays

Lil' Explorers Camps are available during intersession and summer breaks. Camps are hosted at a different center each break. All centers are closed on CUSD observed holidays (see the current CUSD school calendar).

Parent Participation

To meet the daily needs of your child, parents are asked to maintain the necessary supply of diapers, wipes, rash ointments, formula, bottles, sippy cups, cot sheet, blanket, pull-ups, and change of clothes. Please label all items that are brought to the center with your child's first & last name.

Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom, as well as participate in special celebrations throughout the year. We believe in working as a team. You are your child's primary care giver and we value and appreciate your participation, suggestions, and support. Please contact the center coordinator at any time if you have any questions or need assistance.

Daily Schedule

Threes & Fours Room	Ones & Twos Room	Infant Room
6:15 - 9:00 AM Check-In AM Snack Free Exploration	6:30 - 9:30 AM Check-In AM Snack Free Play	6:30 - 9:30 AM Check-in Individual Care Stroller walk
9:00 - 11:30AM Circle Time Music & Movement Outside Play Learning Centers	9:30 - 11:30 AM Thematic Activities Music & Movement	9:30 - 11:30AM Cuddle Play Exploration Time
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM Family style lunch Rest time Restroom Break Afternoon snack	11:30AM - 2:30 PM Family style lunch Nap time	11:30AM - 2:30 PM Individual Care Nap time
3:00 - 3:45 pm Outside Play Circle Time Music & Movement	2:30 - 4:30 PM Snack Thematic Activities Music & Movement	2:30 - 4:30 PM Individual Care Cuddle Play Exploration Time Stroller walk

- Activities are adjusted for developmental appropriateness depending on age and individual development.
- Routines are consistent, but time frames are flexible and individual nap times will be respected throughout the day.
- Diapers are checked every hour and are changed when soiled.
- Children who are emotionally, physically and cognitively ready will be encouraged to use the bathroom to aid children to transition from diapers to toileting.
- Hand washing is performed after diapering and toileting, before and after eating, and prior to napping.

Program Guidelines

Lil' Explorers is available for children two weeks of age through pre-kindergarten age.

Our centers maintain an open-door policy and welcome parents at any time. Tour appointments are preferred to provide a quality visit and allow time to assist parents with the enrollment process.

Please contact the site coordinator to arrange a tour of the center, confirm availability, and obtain registration instructions.

To Enroll:

- 1) Parents will create their account profile at www.cusd80.ce.eleyo.com.
- 2) Select Lil' Explorers and then select the site and attendance option of choice.
- 3) Enter all requested information and complete the questionnaire/agreement.
- 4) Your registration request will be held as "Pending" until reviewed and approved. You will receive an email when approved and the annual \$80.00 non-refundable registration fee will be charged at that time to your card associated with your account.
- 5) Automatic payments are charged to your card on a weekly basis. Payments cannot be accepted at the sites.
- 6) The Community Education Accounting Office is located at 1525 W. Frye Road, Chandler, AZ 85224. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

To Disenroll:

- 1) Cancellation/Disenrollment means a child will not attend the childcare center for two or more weeks.
- 2) Parents should complete the Program Change Request/Cancellation Form within five business days of the next payment due date. The form can be found online at www.cusdcommunity.com

School Year Rates

Infants	Weekly	Monthly
5 Full Days	\$291	\$1004
1-2 years old		
5 Full Days	\$254	\$877
3-4 years old		
5 Full Days	\$235	\$810

Daily Camp Rate

Infants	1-2 year olds	3-4 year olds
\$58	\$51	\$47

\$80 annual registration fee

Part-time options available for CUSD employees and first responders only.

Admission/Release Requirements

Lil' Explorers children are required to be signed in and out each day. When enrolling your child, please designate on the emergency information card at least two persons other than yourself to whom your child may be released. At the end of the day your child will only be released to an adult listed on your emergency information card. Photo ID must be presented.

Positive Guidance Procedures

Lil' Explorers Learning Center uses a positive approach to discipline by directing children toward age-appropriate behavior. Teachers help the children to develop self-discipline by:

- Using positive guidance and reinforcement strategies to support appropriate behavior
- Redirecting the child
- Using patience, love and understanding
- Setting clearly defined limits
- Talking about acceptable ways of handling situations as they arise

Transportation

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from our Lil' Explorers Learning Centers.

Field Trips

Our program does not participate in off campus field trips. Special programs are brought to the center.

Insurance

Liability insurance is provided in at least the minimum amount required by the Department of Health Services under Chandler Unified School District's Liability Insurance Policy. Documentation of liability insurance coverage is available for review on the facility premises.

Medication Administration

If your child requires medication during the day, a Medication Consent Form must be completed before staff can dispense the medication. Prescription medications need to be brought in the original container and the form needs to be signed by the prescribing health care professional.

Accident and Emergency Procedures

First aid will be administered and parent will be notified by telephone if further care is required. If the parent or guardian cannot be reached, a person listed on the emergency card will be contacted. Written notification of all incidents will be given to parent.

In case of serious accidents, a 911 call will be made. Parents/guardians will be notified as quickly as possible.

Pesticide Notification

Parent notices are posted at least 48 hours prior to a pesticide application on the parent board and school premises.



Quality Care for Infants – Pre K

Nurturing and Inspiring Early Childhood Learning

Navarrete Elementary
6409 S Sun Groves Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85249
Coordinator: Hazel Gaela
(480) 883-4811

Chandler High School
350 N Arizona Avenue
Chandler, AZ 85225
Coordinator: Pat Berry
(480) 812-7846

Perry High School
1919 E Queen Creek Road
Gilbert, AZ 85297
Coordinator: Heather Morcomb
(480) 224-2937

Regulated By:
Arizona Department of Health Services
150 North 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 364-2539

Inspection reports are available at each site.

