

# Daily Schedule

Components of the following are found in the daily schedule. Note that schedules for infants and toddlers are individualized.

- **Pre-Session-** Teachers plan for the day's activities and children's learning.
- **Free Choice-** An array of activities are offered, which are designed to promote a balanced and developmentally appropriate program.
- **Large Group-** Children gather to learn through games, music, and movement activities.
- **Outdoor Period-** Outdoor activities are considered an important part of each day. Physical development is emphasized as is learning through interaction with a natural environment.
- **Snack Time-** is a positive experience aimed at supporting good nutrition, language development and building social skills.
- **Clean Up-** Children develop independence and responsibility through helping clean the classroom.
- **Post-Session-** Teachers review the day, discussing children's reactions to learning opportunities and developing strategies.

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## Enrollment Information

Initial application for enrollment is available on our website

[hdfs.msu.edu/cdl](http://hdfs.msu.edu/cdl)

For further information or to schedule a tour, call the enrollment office at 517.355.1900

## Special Needs Accommodation

Accommodations may be requested by calling the Child Development Laboratories:

517.355.1900 (East Lansing) or  
517.339.6045 (Haslett)



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# Overview

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies operates the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accredited Child Development Laboratories (CDL) on two campuses.

- Central School at 325 W. Grand River in East Lansing
- Wilkshire Early Childhood Center at 5750 Academic Way in Haslett

The CDL has offered programming for students, families, and children since 1927 and has a 4-fold mission to provide:

- Outstanding service to children and their families.
- An exemplary setting for training MSU students in Child Development.
- A research setting for faculty and students.
- A base for outreach to other early childhood professionals.

Half-day classrooms operate Monday through Thursday during the MSU academic year. Full day classrooms operate Monday through Friday, year-round (East Lansing campus only).

All official MSU holidays are observed.



# The Children's Program

The overall educational purpose of the Child Development Laboratories is to provide rich and varied educational experiences for young children. We foster children's development by helping them feel challenged, successful, creative, confident, and capable. We approach learning as an active, exciting process that is balanced among all areas of development.

Our program is designed to expose children to a wide range of experiences that teach them "how to learn."

In our classrooms, the Head Teacher is a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies with a Master's degree in Child

Development or Early Childhood Education.

Each classroom includes student teachers pursuing a major in Child Development. The adult/child ratio for each classroom meets NAEYC criteria.

## Family Role

Family engagement is an integral part of our program. Families are offered a variety of ways to be involved in their child's educational experience. You are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom once a month to observe your child "in action" and to touch base with your child's teacher. The CDL has work parties once a semester and family participation is vital.

The CDL is advised by a Parent Council and parents are encouraged to volunteer on the council.

## Advantages of Being Part of MSU

- Availability of consultation and referral services for children and families.
- Workshops for parents provided by qualified professionals in a variety of fields.
- Continual revitalization of the program through participation by students trained in Child Development.
- Classroom visitations by members of the MSU community.

