

Early Learning Opportunities for Your Child Discover • Play • Grow • Learn



The Early Learning Opportunities Program is a high-quality early education program offered in seven schools throughout the Halifax Regional School Board. It is a joyful introduction to school life and active learning—for both children and their parents.

About the program

The Early Learning Opportunities Program

- is available to children who turn four on or before December 31st
- is voluntary and free of charge
- has one early childhood educator for each group of nine children

Early childhood educators create an engaging, active learning environment that supports your child's development and prepares your child to thrive in Grade Primary.



What is an active learning curriculum?

Children learn by playing. Through play, children

- Learn to share, make choices, and talk to one another
- Learn to cooperate, negotiate, and resolve conflict
- Learn to see things from a different point of view
- Learn to concentrate, keep trying, and make decisions
- Build healthy bodies
- Build language skills and number concepts

An active learning curriculum uses play to help your child develop and learn in meaningful ways.

Why is the Early Learning Opportunities Program important?

Early learning has a powerful effect on your child's future learning. Three- and four-year-old children are enthusiastic and social, and are interested in making friends and learning about their world. Your child will have opportunities to learn new words and ideas, use and enjoy books, take turns, make friends, and explore mathematics, science, and the arts. With a positive start to school, your child will develop a love of learning and will gain confidence to thrive in future grades.

Who is an early childhood educator?

An early childhood educator (ECE) has specialized post-secondary training in early childhood education and care. The ECE understands how children develop and how to create an active learning environment to challenge young children to question, explore, and solve problems—creating new knowledge in meaningful ways. ECEs are also committed to building positive relationships with parents to help their children succeed.

ECEs know that parents know their child best

An ECE will work with you to learn about your child's home, culture, and experiences. The ECE will welcome your knowledge and will take the time to learn from you and share ideas with you. The ECE can also offer you ideas for supporting your child's learning at home, through reading, talking, singing, playing games, and exploring the neighbourhood.



Find out more

The Early Learning Opportunities Program is offered in the following schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

Nelson Whynder (902-462-6030)
Harbour View (902-464-2051)
South Woodside (902-464-2090)
Joseph Howe (902-421-6785)
Rockingstone Heights (902-479-4452)
Hillside Park (902-864-6873)
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