The **POWER** of Inclusion for **ALL** students

Diversity & Empathetic Development

Students learn that everyone has strengths and areas that need improvement. We focus on character development through helping one another, practicing acceptance and compassion, and learning from each other. Inclusion helps to foster a role of leadership in many children, while encouraging others, through positive peer encouragement.

Meaningful Friendships

Through meaningful experiences with peers, students develop social and emotional skills that foster positive relationships. Students recognize individual differences while understanding that every student is valued in our classroom. Students support one another and learn alongside their friends. This helps prepare students for diversity in their future educational and life experiences through practice in collaboration.

High Expectations

Inclusion provides better opportunities for learning for all students. Students are challenged to work to their highest potential through research-based differentiated instruction. Students thrive through individualized curriculum and goal setting.

Over 20 years of research has consistently demonstrated that the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms results in favorable outcomes. (coalition FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, 2010)

"The research evidence on inclusive education is clear: everyone wins, and no one loses." (All Children Are Special, 2002)

Signs of a **GREAT** Preschool

- 1 Each classroom has been filled with blocks, props, books, table toys, puzzles, paints, and art materials.
- 2 Children spend most of their time playing, working with a variety of materials, and socializing with other children.
 - Teachers spend time with children individually, in small groups, and the classroom as a whole.
- The classroom is geared towards the child's needs and proudly displays their artwork.
- 5 Children learn by doing... they actively participate in meaningful activities that help them learn about numbers and the alphabet in the context of their everyday experiences.
- 6 Children work on projects and have long periods of time to play and explore.
- Children have the opportunity to play outside everyday.
- Teachers read books to children throughout the day.
- 9 The curriculum reflects the fact that teachers recognize children's different backgrounds and experiences.
- 10 Parents feel secure about sending their children to the Dream Center.



Dream Center Inclusive Preschool

The Dream Center's Inclusive Preschool Program provides a foundation for successful, lifelong learning through developmentally appropriate experiences for **all** students.

2K, 3K, & 4K PRESCHOOL BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE HOURLY DAY CARE FULL DAY CARE ENRICHMENT CLASSES

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About the Dream Center

The Dream Center is a five-star rated state licensed early childhood center that offers flexible and high quality education to families who want to prepare their child for the kindergarten transition and foster a lifelong love of learning. Our curriculum includes thematic learning centers, individualized instruction, portfolio assessment, field trips, and guest speakers.



In our classroom, children are encouraged to learn, create, explore, discover, and experiment.

The Dream Center offers:

- Experienced, DPI licensed teachers
- Seizure trained, CPR & first-aid certified staff
- People-first language trained staff
- A clean, safe, and secure environment with locked entry
- Outdoor play area
- Structured, age-appropriate activities and free play
- Enrichment classes
- School child care -ages 2 years through 9 years of age



Weekly themes are used to introduce information and learning takes place as children explore and manipulate real objects and events.



Our advanced technology & security system ensures your child is in an environment where safety is taken seriously.

Commitment to Quality

All learning environments are not equal. A quality-learning program is what makes the Dream Center stand out. Our caring teachers are experts in early childhood and special education and they understand how children learn. Teachers successfully nurture and guide each child's individual style through developmentally appropriate practices to give all students a strong educational foundation that will last a lifetime.



Children play and socialize together in our fun and safe playground.

Curriculum

Our goal is to provide a nurturing environment for the growth and development of the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. Our approach to learning is based on the proven concept that children learn through hands-on discovery with a variety of materials. This interaction allows children to learn social skills, test their own abilities, develop confidence, and try new ideas. The Creative Curriculum activities incorporate literacy, math, science, social studies, and the creative arts in ways that will enable your student to be successful, confident, and inquisitive. We offer an equal opportunity to all children, regardless of developmental level, to receive the most beneficial academic, social, and life skills necessary for future success. Through a variety of learning centers, children experience and explore these curriculum components:

Initiative

- Making choices and plans
- Solving problems with materials
- Initiating play
- Taking care of personal needs Social Relations
- Relating to adults and peers
- Resolving interpersonal conflicts
- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Participating in group routine
- Understanding diversity and practicing acceptance

Creativity

- Making and building models
- Drawing and painting pictures
- Pretending and role play
- Imitating actions and sounds

Music and Movement

- Moving in various ways
- Moving with objects and props
- Feeling and expressing emotions
- Singing and dancing

Language and Literacy

- Listening and understanding speech
- Using vocabulary and complex patterns of speech
- Phonics and phonemic awareness
- Using letter names and sounds
- Reading and writing skills

Mathematics and Science

- Sorting objects and identifying patterns
- Counting and comparing
- Identifying position, direction, and sequence
- Identifying materials, properties, and living things