

Early Learning Center

Fall 2024 Update

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Vision Statement

At our new Early Learning Center, we envision a vibrant community where every kindergarten child embarks on a **joyful and inspiring** educational journey. Our center will be a warm, welcoming, and accepting environment that prioritizes play-based educational experiences, **fostering a lifelong love of learning.**

We are dedicated to setting the foundation for future academic success by combining early childhood experiences with structured education. Our focus on the **whole child**—social, emotional, physical, and intellectual—ensures that each student is nurtured and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Our vision includes creating a community where **all children feel loved, respected, and encouraged.** By providing equal opportunities, maintaining high standards of learning, and ensuring accessibility, we support **every young learner's success.**

We are committed to open communication to foster strong partnerships with families through resources, meals, services, and an active PTA. Together, we shape the essential building blocks of **structured and unstructured learning experiences**, routines, and safety, creating a secure and happy environment.

At the Early Learning Center, we believe in the power of collaboration and laughter. We will work together to cultivate a space where joy, happiness, and a **love of learning** flourish, preparing our youngest students for a **bright and successful future as part of the Shen community.**



Programs & services for full day Kindergarten will include:

- Communication, language, & literacy
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Music
- Visual Art
- Physical Development & Health
- Nutritional Services
- Library and technology
- Academic Intervention Services
- Speech Improvement Services
- Social Skills & Character Development
- Special Education

“ The Early Learning Center is a transformative addition to Shen. It will position us to offer education at the highest level to our youngest learners and expand capacity for special education programs and other district needs. ”

*Dr. L. Oliver Robinson,
Superintendent*





Current



Future
*Graphic rendering

“ The Early Learning Center presents a unique opportunity for the Shen community to have our youngest learners start their foundational years together in a building designed specifically to ignite curiosity and potential, and meet learning needs. ”

Dr. Cecily Wilson-Turner,
Deputy Superintendent

Fun Fact:

The Early Learning Center will have **two multipurpose areas** designed for group activities such as storytelling, puppet shows, plays, and art!

The Shen Early Learning Center building will include:

- Forty two Classrooms
- Academic Intervention Services Rooms
- English as a New Language Rooms
- Occupational and Physical Therapy Room
- Speech Room
- Special Education Rooms
- School Resource Officer Support
- Fenced in Playground
- Music Rooms
- Art Rooms
- Library
- Two Gym Stations
- Cafeteria
- Multipurpose Areas
- Staff Support Areas
- Nurse’s Suite
- Counseling Suite

Process Update:



Currently, the Early Learning Center is making significant strides in the design phase. Shen is working with architects to finalize the design plans and determine our equipment and furniture needs.



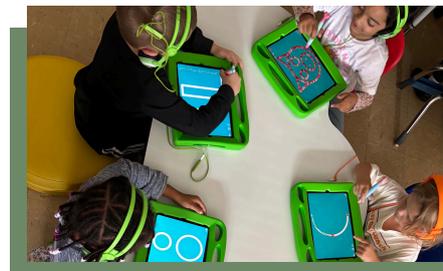
Next, we are on the brink of an exciting phase—the bidding and construction phase. This is when our design plans will start to come to fruition.



An “Early Learning Center” committee has been meeting and their efforts have led to significant progress in planning out staffing, programming, scheduling, curriculum development aligned to New York State Standards, transportation needs, and much more.



The Early Learning Center project is a true testament to collaboration, with the involvement of staff, students, guardians, and our community all contributing their input.



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