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## EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

### PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

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The Howard University School of Education Early Learning Program (HUELP) provides an academically rich, developmentally appropriate environment, which allows young children an opportunity to enhance their social-emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. The atmosphere encourages children to develop positive self-concept, identity, confidence, and independence. It is our belief that children learn best through hands-on activities that promote choices and active learning. We believe that a climate that fosters respect for cultural diversity and a learning environment that utilizes an eclectic approach to education allow for optimal growth and development of young children.

#### GOALS

- To maintain a comfortable environment that will motivate learning.
  - To provide multicultural education and foster respect and appreciation for diversity.
  - To encourage individual creativity.
  - To improve and expand the child's natural ability to think, problem solve, and speak clearly.
  - To foster and protect the child's physical health and safety.
  - To assist in the development of each child's emotional and social skills by encouraging self-confidence, self-expression, self-discipline, and curiosity.
  - To provide parents with an understanding of developmentally appropriate practices.
  - To solicit and provide support to the Howard University Community through in-service training, research in child development, student practicums, etc.
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### ENROLLMENT POLICY

The Program enrolls children 3 - 6 years of age. Selection of children for admission is based on the number of slots available for HU Employees, HU Students, and the extended Community, the order in which the application is received, and the assessment/orientation interview.

### ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM

#### *Classes*

The core program is between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. Various enrichment activities are scheduled for the afternoon beginning at 3:30 p.m. At no additional charge, children can arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. and be picked up no later than 5:45 p.m. However, no child should be left at school for more than 9.5 hours (HUELP Policy).

#### *Special Features*

Developmentally Appropriate Methodology  
Books, Books, and More Books  
Multicultural Curriculum  
Nature Walks  
Heritage & Diversity Focus  
Hands-on Science  
Computer Literacy  
Music  
Afrikan Martial Arts  
Scheduled Fieldtrips  
Outdoor Playground  
Planned breakfast, lunch and snack  
Opportunity to attend and witness many Howard University functions and activities  
Opportunity to see and hear leaders  
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**Highly skilled teachers along with qualified and caring professionals focus on growth and development and seek to nurture a strong sense of self-esteem in each child.**

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### ANNUAL TUITION \*

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HUELP offers 3 tuition options:

- 1) HU Employee
  - 2) HU **Full-Time** Student
  - 3) Community/Non-Howard Employee
- Tuition information is available upon request.

Tuition is due on the tenth day of each month, beginning in August of the year of enrollment.

An application form and a non-refundable \$25.00 fee are required for placement. A separate form and fee are required for each child. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the office informed of any change in information included on the form.

#### *Calendar*

The academic year begins in August and ends in June. The Early Learning Program observes all national holidays and school closings as identified on the Howard University Calendar. (Printed calendar available upon request)

#### *Summer Program*

Summer Program information is available during the spring semester.

### COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

The students' experiences are enhanced by the contributions and interactions with candidates from various departments within Howard University.

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**Current immunization records must be on file before a child can attend class.**

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*\* Tuition is subject to change without prior notice.*

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