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the Joy of Learning
AURARIA EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Auraria Early Learning Center (AELC), a 5-star Colorado Shines-rated center, provides full-time programs for children 12-months and walking to five-years-old and summer camp for children through age eight. The Center serves the students, faculty and staff of the Auraria Campus, as well as the broader Denver metro community. It’s close proximity to the heart of downtown Denver and the three higher education institutions on campus make it a convenient choice for parents in search of a quality foundational education for their children. All of the Center’s programs are fully licensed by the Colorado Department of Human Services.

What will you discover at the AELC?

- Highly qualified teachers, and support staff who are experts in the field of early childhood education
- Full- and part-time programs with healthy meals and snacks included
- Located conveniently on the Auraria Campus in LoDo
- Individualized teaching with an emphasis on cultivating children’s sense of wonder and discovery
- Small classroom setting with a low child-to-teacher ratio
- Balanced, high-quality curriculum that introduces foundational subjects, including reading & literacy, math, science, and social studies
- Programs that support and extend social-emotional development with opportunities for self-expression through language, art, and dramatic play
COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Health and Safety is Our Top Priority

We recognize the critical role the Center plays in providing exceptional care and education for children as our community navigates the challenges of COVID-19.

During this time of enhanced concern, the Center continues to stay up-to-date with the latest state and local guidelines, licensing requirements, CDPHE, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding safety and well-being. We have implemented the following procedures to ensure the health and safety of our students and teachers:

- New routines for drop-off and pick-up
- Health screenings and temperature checks each day for all AELC students and staff
- Reduced number of classrooms and the number of students allowed in each classroom
- Children must stay in their respective classrooms or on their designated playground area with their classroom teachers and classmates throughout the day
- Strict adherence to the latest guidance concerning face coverings, handwashing, and frequent disinfection and sanitization
COLORADO SHINES

The Auraria Early Learning Center has been named a Level 5 program, the highest possible rating by Colorado Shines, the state’s quality rating improvement system for licensed child care and preschool programs. Colorado Shines evaluates licensed child care and preschool programs on a scale of 1-5 based on how each organization works to:

- Support children’s health and safety
- Ensure their early childhood professionals are well-trained and effective
- Provide a supportive learning environment that teaches children new skills
- Help parents become partners in their child’s learning
- Demonstrate strong leadership and business practices
play!
learn!
TESTIMONIALS

The Auraria Early Learning Center more than prepared our daughter for elementary school. She learned basic skills and received a differentiated learning focus that enabled her to enter the primary grades at an advanced level.”

– Allyson Mendenhall & Eliot Hoyt

Our first daughter received an excellent foundation while at the AELC. So, when our second child was ready, it was a no-brainer to enroll her in the program, as well. In addition to the great education, as a working parent, it was fantastic to have access to wonderful before and after school care, as well as nutritious meals.”

– Rob Byers

We were so happy with our experience at the Auraria Early Learning Center! It was the first time our kids were in school, and they came to love the teachers and friends like family. Even more, when they left the AELC and went to a new school, they were both above the learning curve in comparison to other students. We highly recommend the AELC and are sad our girls couldn’t stay there even longer.”

– Former CU Denver student
OUR STAFF

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HOURS & SCHEDULE

Limited COVID-19 Related Hours:
Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Regular Hours:
Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.

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