

Bronx Early Learning Center

1887 Bathgate Avenue, Bronx, New York 10457

The Bronx Early Learning Center is a vibrant and nurturing preschool community for children ages 3 to 5 years. We serve children with a range of developmental delays as well as typically developing children, through our outstanding Universal Pre-K program. The school is run by Volunteers of America, a 110 year-old human services agency with over 20 years experience operating preschools for this special population. Our school serves approximately 260 children in 22 classrooms and another 100 in their homes. The Bronx Early Learning Center's goal is to ensure that our children successfully transition to public kindergarten in the least restrictive environment.

Serving Our Community's Children

We provide our students with no cost, developmentally-appropriate experiences in a culturally and linguistically diverse environment that focuses on social/emotional skills, academic readiness skills, gross and fine motor skills, language and creative arts. We use a nationally renowned curriculum, the Creative Curriculum for Preschool, which balances both teacher-directed and child-initiated learning, with an emphasis on responding to children's various learning styles, and building on their strengths and interests.

The Bronx Early Learning Center Provides all the Services Your Child Needs

- New York State-approved classes with certified teachers
- Full-day 10- and 12-month classes for children ages 3 to 5 years old
- Half-day classes
- Integrated classes
- A typical student-to-staff ratio per classroom is 1 teacher to 12 students, with 2 teaching assistants. This ratio allows for an enhanced learning experience for the students.

Our certified and experienced team of professionals provides instructional and therapeutic services. Social workers, a psychologist, full-time nurse and speech, physical and occupational therapists are on-site. Our dedicated staff foster the growth of each student through appropriate individualized educational plans, and help families better understand the children's special needs.

Support for Families

Volunteers of America's Bronx Early Learning Center understands that parents of children with special needs have particular concerns. Our teachers welcome parents/caregivers at our school, and offer help to families through support groups, individual counseling, and other social work services. Our clinicians provide educational workshops on behavior management, health and hygiene issues, language development, manipulative games, parental rights and advocacy. The Bronx Early Learning Center also helps families identify and obtain appropriate public school placement when a child is about to transition out of pre-kindergarten.

**Early
Intervention
Home-Based
Program**

The Early Intervention Program provides home-based services for children under three years of age. Services are provided to children who have a diagnosed condition that would lead to a developmental delay, or a developmental delay which would meet eligibility requirements under the New York City Early Intervention Program. An initial screening is conducted to determine eligibility. All services are provided at no-cost to the family and are conducted in the children's dominant language. The program provides multidisciplinary evaluations, initial and ongoing service coordination and home-based therapeutic services.

To arrange a tour of our school, please call 718.466.3580



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