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El Camino College Child Development Center Prepares Children for Kindergarten, Lifelong Learning; Open for Fall 2013 Enrollment

The El Camino College Child Development Center's (CDC) fee-based, year-round preschool program is now open for enrollment. Conveniently located at El Camino College, the CDC offers a warm and inviting environment for children preparing for kindergarten, housed in a building specifically designed for preschoolers.

Children ages 2 to 5 who are completely toilet trained are eligible for the high-quality, year-round, fee-based preschool that is open to all families, including those of ECC students, employees, and members of the community. Low child/staff ratios and an emphasis on social skills are hallmarks of the academic curriculum.

Teachers at the CDC are academically well prepared, all are mentor teachers certified by the State of California and all have been on staff an average of 12 years. The CDC is also a "laboratory school," where future teachers are trained in best practices. The developmental curriculum prepares children cognitively, socially, emotionally, physically and linguistically. For the past 20 years, the preschool has encouraged exploration, discovery, making choices, and play, along with social interaction to foster self-esteem, competence, and autonomy in children.

Breakfast and snacks are provided. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's education, and an open door policy is maintained throughout the center.

The school's mission has become increasingly important in recent years, as kindergarten curriculum adopts more rigorous standards, with the bar of achievement rising higher and higher.

The CDC is accredited by the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) for Early Care and Education Programs. By achieving NAC accreditation, the ECC Child Development Center provides a high-quality program for children, professional development opportunities for staff, a parent program that exceeds state licensing requirements, and an environment that is conducive for each child's individual growth and development.

For more information about the El Camino College Child Development Center, call the office at 310-660-3720, or go to www.elcamino.edu/student-services/cdc/.

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