



**Classrooms located:**

Brigham Early Learning Center  
Julia Knepler, Principal  
201 Brigham School Road  
Bloomington, IL 61705  
309-557-4411

Sugar Creek Elementary  
Kristina Peifer, Principal  
200 N Towanda  
Normal, IL 61761  
309-557-4425

Fairview Elementary  
Gina Tenuta  
416 Fairview St  
Normal, IL 61761  
309-557-4415

**For more information about the  
Unit 5 Early Learning Program and/or  
a screening appointment,  
Please call  
(309) 557-4144**

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Unit 5 Early Learning Program offers a wide variety of family involvement opportunities throughout the year that promote and allow for home-school connections. These activities include open houses, family fun nights, workshops, joint program planning, parent-teacher conferences, community involvement. Our program partners with mental health, dental, health, and many other community partners to support the whole family. Please reach out to our family educators for support.

**NUTRITIOUS MEALS**

Breakfast and lunch is served daily free of charge for families who qualify for programming.

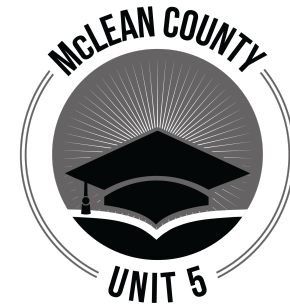
**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Provided free of charge to families who qualify for programming.



**McLean County Unit District No. 5**

**Early Learning  
Program**



**2019-2020**

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR:**  
Kris Pennington: 309-557-4400  
**PROGRAM ASSISTANT:**  
Chris Carmody: 309-557-4673

**Family/Parent Educator (Brigham):**  
Beth Kelley: 309275-2564

**Family/Parent Educator (Sugar Creek & Fairview):**  
Jill Young: 309-275-2770

Hours:  
AM: 7:45-10:15 PM: 11:45-2:15  
Full-Day: 7:45-2:15

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of Unit 5's Early Learning Program is to provide a stimulating and nurturing environment for young children. Students are given the chance to become successful and build self-confidence. This program will increase student opportunities, help prepare for future achievements, and meet individual needs and goal using the Illinois Early Learning & Development Standards.

Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies  
Physical  
Development and  
Health  
Fine Arts  
Foreign/Primary Language  
Social/Emotional



## **INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES**

A developmental approach is used to meet each child's individual needs using *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*, Volume 6, building on student interests. Teacher-Child interactions play an important role in guiding children's learning through a wide range of scaffolded instructional strategies using objectives for development and learning. These objectives are based on an extensive review of the most common research

and professional literature in the field of early childhood education.

The McLean County Unit School District No. 5 offers a fun and exciting program for qualifying students between the ages of three and five. This program is available free of charge to eligible students living within the McLean County Unit District No. 5 boundaries.

Classes range between 8-20 students per class, with at least one certified teacher and one teacher's aide.

Placement is based upon eligibility and developmental needs.

## **Who is eligible?**

Children must:

- **Be between the ages of three and five years of age.**
- **Live within McLean County Unit District No. 5.**

Children with developmental delays, which affect normal growth and development or who are at risk of academic failure may be eligible for services and supports. Eligibility will be based on the presence of noted delays in one or more of the developmental areas listed below. Eligibility is determined by the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) team.

## **The Developmental Areas for Services**

Gross Motor  
Fine Motor  
Cognitive/Readiness  
Communication  
Receptive Language  
Expressive Language  
Phonological/Articulation  
Social/Emotional  
Independent Functioning/Adaptive

**Call 309-557-4144 for a developmental screening to determine if your child may be eligible for McLean County Unit District 5's Early Learning Program**

## **What does your child need to start(if eligible)?**

- Copy of certified birth certificate
- Updated immunization records
- Physical exam
- Completed registration
- Backpack and an extra set of clothes

