How long will it take to get my child into the ELC?

The Early Learning Campus is a high quality, accredited early childhood environment with caring and skilled teachers, which means that families must sometimes wait for an opening. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to predict when a space will become available for your child as there are multiple factors (e.g., sibling priority and Family Scholar House use of their owned spaces) that contribute to placements. We use our waiting list to fill all spaces. Most openings become available at the start of each new school year in August when our preschoolers leave us for kindergarten and the younger children move to new classrooms. Occasionally, openings become available during the school year if families move from the area but most families stay through the year.

We cannot guarantee a start date or make any promises. In general, children three-years and up may be able to enroll more quickly than infants or toddlers. Quality infant/toddler care is in very high demand and the spaces are limited. At the present time, families with infants/toddlers can expect an approximate wait for 1 to 1 1/2 years.  That is not to say that earlier is not possible. Sometimes families turn down offers and we are able to offer the openings to families further down on the waiting list.

We realize that families are hoping to get a space more quickly but cannot skip over anyone on the waiting list.  If you are truly interested in our center, applying for the waiting list and patience are a must. We strongly recommend that you attend one of our tours for prospective families, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:30 AM before applying for our waiting list to be sure that the ELC is a good fit for your family.

More information and waiting list forms can be found at louisville.edu/education/elc

Thank you!