



Children's Learning Center, Inc.

Family Reference, Tool and Resources Information Sheet

The Maryland State Department of Education - Early Childhood Division

provides information and resources for families and schools to support the growth and development of students, at all the various ages and levels, in academic, motor and social skills. These websites, also, offer curriculum and State Standards, so we have a guide to use to be sure all students are learning, at their pace, the material and skills that are suggested by the State to be taught and mastered. As a note this is, also, the division that regulates our school, and the website has all the COMAR regulations we must follow, and forms for families if needed.

For more information: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org>

Maryland Early Learning Framework

“The Maryland Early Learning Framework is important because it provides common goals for how parents, teachers, and early childhood education providers can support young children's learning. The research-based Framework incorporates the following:”

- **Maryland's Early Learning Standards**
- **Ready for Kindergarten (R4K):** Maryland's Comprehensive Early Childhood Assessment System
- **Supporting Every Young Learner:** Maryland's Guide to Early Childhood Pedagogy, Birth to Age 8
- **The Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework:** Maryland's Vision for Engaging Families of Young Children

For more information: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/prek-grade-2/maryland-early-learning-framework>

Maryland Early Learning Standards

“The early learning standards define the key aspects of development and learning that are the foundation for a child's school and life-long success. While the progress of children toward the standards will vary depending on a number of factors, the standards act as a guide for educational and programmatic decisions by child care providers, PRE-K-Grade 2 teachers, and public school administrators.”

Maryland's Early Learning Standards come from two different sources:

- *Healthy Beginnings:* Supporting Development and Learning from Birth to Three Years of Age

- Maryland College and Career-Ready Standards for the Pre-K through Grade 2 portion of the Pre-K to 12 Standards

For more information: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/maryland-early-learning-standards>

“The domains of learning included within the Maryland Early Learning Standards include Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Health, Physical Education, Fine Arts, and Social Foundations.”

Learn more about the Maryland Early Learning Standards and where they come from:

- **Maryland Early Learning Standards**
- **The Domains of Development and Learning**
- **Healthy Beginnings**
- **The College and Career Readiness Standards**

[NAEYC - National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

This is another wonderful resource for families and for schools, as this organization provides and gives detailed information on supporting young children in school, offers both teacher and family books and articles that give ideas and solutions to helping young students, and has ways to enhance a young student’s environment in a positive, interactive and engaging way. NAEYC is, also, a great tool for families to use to get resources and information on how to support the young student, both at home and while at school. NAEYC, also, has amazing training, which keeps teachers up to date on the latest and best strategies and practices to use for educating and guiding young students. Check out their website as it is a tool that is beneficial, has a wealth of knowledge and information, and easy to use.

As we are NAEYC members, we have many books and articles that families can look at or check out if needed. Our teachers review, read and use these many resources to help them, daily, guide their young students.

For more information: <https://www.naeyc.org>

Use the many tabs at the top and throughout, to search, find and use the many tools available.

[Additional Helpful Resources](#)

As a school we do use other resources and tools, while working with students, but these are the main ones, so we thought these would be helpful for our families to see and use! We use the above tools, along with the below curriculum, when developing, creating, and implementing lesson plans, topics, themes, units, setting up learning labs/centers in the classroom and creating an environment of positive learning and appropriate school choices/behavior.

Our school uses, in all classrooms, the Maryland State Approved Curriculums of Houghton Mifflin and MacMillan McGraw-Hill:

- Houghton Mifflin (<https://www.hmhco.com>)
- Macmillan/McGraw-Hill (<http://reading.macmillanmh.com/ltreasures>)

These curriculums, along with the State Standards and above information, provide skills for our teaching team to make sure are taught, gained, and mastered. These curriculums are available for families to review, anytime.

If families have any questions, or would like to have support in using these above websites, or view any of the curriculum being used, please feel free to email Ms. Shirley at svesper@cmclc.com and we can set up a time to view, share and discuss all the above!