

WAIT LIST

The University of Delaware Early Learning Center maintains a year-round, on-going wait list for new enrollments. Families may be placed on the wait list by completing a registration form and paying a non-refundable fee.* This registration is not an enrollment application and does not guarantee your child's enrollment on the date desired. All information gathered will be held in strict confidence and will not be available to sources outside of the Early Learning Center.

As full-time spaces become available, they will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority for the Early Learning Center is as follows:

1. Currently enrolled children transitioning to another classroom (e.g. an infant moving up to a toddler room)
2. Siblings of currently enrolled children
3. Purchase of Care recipients, up to 40% of the total enrollment
Children with a diagnosed disability, up to 20% of the total enrollment
Children living in foster care, up to 10% of the total enrollment
4. University of Delaware employees, who do not meet the requirements for priority category 2 or 3, *up to 50 slots distributed throughout the age groups*
5. Children from the general community, who do not meet the first 4 priority categories

Although you are welcome to contact the ELC regarding the status of available spaces, due to the number of variables presented by the priority list, *it is not possible to give you an exact number or position on the wait list. Nor is it possible to give you a projected enrollment date.*

Please note that due to wait list priorities, it is possible for another family to receive a space before your child if they are in a higher priority category, even if you registered before them.

When an opening occurs for your child, you will be contacted and offered a space. Should you refuse to accept the space at that time, your name will be placed back on the wait list. After a family has refused the offer of a space on two occasions, they will be placed at the end of the wait list.

Families will be contacted annually to update wait list information and will remain on the wait list until a space becomes available, the child reaches thirteen years of age, or until they request to be removed from the list.

** See the "ELC Fact Sheet" for information on the current registration fee. There is no registration fee for families who can provide proof of current receipt of state subsidized child care through the Delaware Purchase of Care program.*

*** Part-time spaces are not available.*