



ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Scholastic Early Childhood Program (SECP) is a cohesive, comprehensive Pre-Kindergarten program that is structured around the pedagogy of systematic, developmentally-appropriate curriculum, effective instructional methodology, and attention to cognitive and affective skill development. The program is based upon what is determined by genetic factors and childhood education and key research findings about the relationship between what is determined by genetic factors and what is shaped by a child's environment and interactions. This research-based foundation addresses the critical elements of a successful high-quality curriculum and environment for young learners. These include effective curriculum, assessment and evaluations, relevant professional development, and strong school/home connections and family support.

The curriculum goals of the SECP are implemented through organization around real-world themes. The themes include Friends and School, Home and Family, Inside and Outside Me, Staying Well/Staying Safe, Our Community, Working and Playing together, make It/Build It, Let's Explore, Animals and Where they Live, and Everything Changes. These relevant themes build on children's current understanding of the world in which they live, enabling them to develop new knowledge, thus increasing their possibilities of success.

The central goal of the program is to help guarantee that young children will develop the critical skills, knowledge, and life habits to become successful learners, especially in their language and literacy development. Thus the Scholastic Early Childhood Program is designed to ensure that children's language and early reading skills will develop in accordance with the four crucial areas outlined by Early Reading First legislation: oral language, phonological awareness, print awareness, and alphabetic knowledge.