



## Every child deserves to thrive

Highland Park Community Early Learning Center provides high quality early childhood education for low-income families in Lake County, primarily in Highwood & Highland Park

# HP Community

Early Learning Center

### New Location

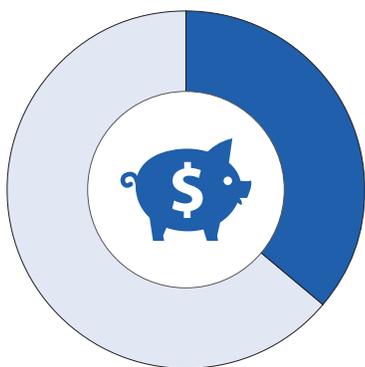
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Highland Park, Illinois 60035

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Founded in 1951, HP Community was created for the purpose of providing affordable, high-quality early childhood education to working families.

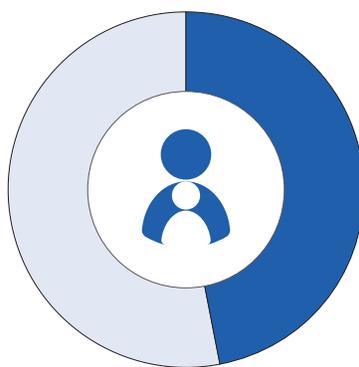
HP Community offers year-round programming for children ages 2 to 5 from 7 am to 5:30 pm.

Our qualified educators include bilingual and ISBE licensed teachers in each classroom as well as specialists in art, music, social work and curriculum development.



# 38%

of Community families earn less than \$53,000 annually



# 47%

our students come from single-parent households

# 53%

of our students are considered "at risk" for academic and developmental delays

# 50%

of students speak a different language than English at home, 38% of which is Spanish



The cost of living in  
Highland Park & Highwood is

# 12.9%

higher than the median family  
income in Lake County.

Latino children are, on average,  
**11.5 months behind**  
their white peers in reading  
skills at kindergarten entry. In  
Illinois, Latinos make up **27%**  
of all 3- and 4-year-olds in Illinois

Low and moderate income earning  
families need opportunities for  
employment and job stability,  
access to public transportation,  
affordable housing, AND high-  
quality child care.



HP Community narrows this achievement gap by preparing  
students for social and academic success when they enter  
Kindergarten through:

- Licensed and credentialed teachers and support staff
- Implementation of a research-based, developmentally  
appropriate curriculum
- Individual screenings, assessments & portfolios
- Regularly scheduled parent/teacher conferences
- Resource referral by social work consultants
- Dedicated art and music specialists
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor playspace



## Praise from Parents

*This is our third year at HP  
Community and my son is  
thriving. We love the teachers and  
staff. I would highly recommend  
this gem of a school.*



For the fourth year, HP  
Community was awarded the  
Gold Circle of Quality through  
ExceleRate Illinois, recognizing  
programs which have  
demonstrated quality on all  
15 standards, as validated by  
an independent assessor.