



The Nativity Early Learning Center (NELC) is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. The process to earn accreditation is intense, with only eight percent of all US preschool and early childhood programs succeeding. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, the NELC was measured against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related criteria. This accreditation speaks to the high quality of the Nativity Early Learning Center's programs and our dedication to your family.

We pursued NAEYC Accreditation because of their high standards that raise the quality of early childhood educational programs. NAEYC Accreditation began in 1985 with the goal of providing an accrediting system that would raise the level of early childhood programs. Currently we are licensed by the State of MN under the Department of Human Licensing. We comply with all applicable provisions of the manual of requirements (Rule #3) for child care centers. The state of MN continues the re-licensing process every 2 years. The National Association of the Education for Young Children (NAEYC) is the highest honor that can be bestowed on any early learning center.

What is NAEYC Accreditation?

NAEYC accreditation is a year-long process that involves both staff and parents to demonstrate the highest level of excellence in ten areas of good early childhood practice. Standards are defined as: 1. Relationships, 2. Areas of Development: Social-Emotional Development, Physical Development, Language Development, and Curriculum Content, 3. Teaching, 4. Assessment of Child Progress, 5. Health, 6. Teachers, 7. Families, 8. Community Relationships, 9. Physical Environment, and 10. Leadership and Management.

Benefits of being an NAEYC Accredited Program:

- Helps to build a stronger team of teachers, administrators, and families working together to improve quality for children.
- Improved standards for the overall program
- Recognition through NAEYC, including program listing on the NAEYC website in the Program Search section
- Announcement of program's accreditation in the NAEYC Early Learning News weekly newsletter to programs, members, media, and others.
- Use of NAEYC Accredited logo for marketing purposes
- Attracts more families to enroll their children at program

Thank you to everyone who assisted in this process and to the teachers at the NELC who do such a wonderful job taking care of the children.

Sincerely,
Nicole McGie
Nativity Early Learning Center Director