

# Brickie Assistance Stay Connected

## BRICKIE KIDZ and KINDERGARTEN

School City of Hobart parents may enroll their **preschool** child if he/she is **four** years old on or before August 1st.

School City of Hobart parents may enroll their **kindergarten** child if he/she is **five** years old on or before August 1st.

### Enrollment Requirements

**Parent/Guardian will need to provide the following documents:**

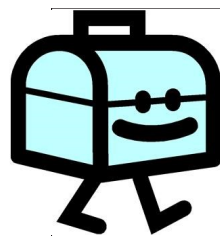
- an Indiana Driver's License or Indiana State I.D. listing current Hobart address
- 2 additional proofs of residency (i.e. utility bills/mortgage papers)
- child's original birth certificate
- immunization records
- custody papers if necessary

## Kindergarten Transportation

The transportation department will inform you of the pick-up & drop-off times for your child. It is highly recommended to have your child at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is due to arrive.

After school, please be outside and visible to the bus driver five minutes before the bus is due to arrive. Bus assignments will be communicated to families before the start of school.

Here Comes the Bus app is available. Track the real time location of the school bus!



Free and reduced lunch program information as well as textbook assistance for kindergartners, can be found at <http://www.brickiecafe.com> or call 219-947-2413 ext 8952.

### Learning Opportunities

Students will enhance learning through real world experiences in the classroom, on study trips, and with guest speakers. Look out for our themed learning weeks too. Students can also join one of our after school clubs or sign up for play groups.

### Get Involved

You can take an active role in your child's education by volunteering. As a volunteer, you may sign up to work in our front office, library, or help with special classroom activities. More information regarding volunteers will be available at the start of school. You may also want to consider joining our *PTO*. This allows you to work with other parents to assist the Early Learning Center.

### Parent Resources

Our school counselor is available to meet with students individually or in small groups. Parents are always welcome to call to discuss concerns, answer questions or get resources to help their child be successful. Books, videos, pamphlets, and more are available. We also offer various parenting classes for support.



ELC  
The Early Learning Center at George Earle



### THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT GEORGE EARLE

400 North Wilson Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
219-942-7263

### SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

32 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
219-942-8885  
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Welcome  
to the  
Early Learning Center  
at George Earle





# Brickies from the Start

# Brickie Kidz Preschool

# Kindergarten

The Early Learning Center is focused on Hobart’s youngest citizens. The district is committed to providing opportunities for learning from the very beginnings of life!

It provides a special school for important early childhood programs in one building. The Early Learning Center is home to Building Brickies, Ready Set Go Preschool Network, Early Childhood Development classes, Brickie Kidz, and Full-day Kindergarten.

### Building Brickies

This is a free program to all SCOH families with young children from prenatal to kindergarten entry. Using the Parents as Teachers program, we offer home visits to families, free developmental screenings, community resource information, playgroups in our Cloud 9 playroom, as well as other family events and programs. For more information about the program, visit our website at [www.hobart.k12.in.us/BuildingBrickies](http://www.hobart.k12.in.us/BuildingBrickies) or call (219) 942-7263.



### Early Childhood Development

Our ECD preschool classrooms meet the needs of three and four year old students with disabilities. It prepares the students for kindergarten. Students learn academics, self help skills, and social skills. If you think your child might qualify for our developmental preschool, contact the Northwest Indiana Special Education Co-operative at (219) 769-4000 for more information.



### Ready, Set, Go

The ELC has partnered with Building Brickies and local preschools to promote learning for our youngest Hobart citizens.

### Brickie Kidz Preschool

A program designed for four year olds to better prepare children for kindergarten. High school juniors and seniors seeking to gain experience in Early Childhood Education work closely with the licensed preschool teacher at each location in observing, planning, implementing lessons, and working with preschool students 1:1. Hobart University allows the high school students to receive dual credit for high school and college.



Children are one-third of our population and all of our future.

School City of Hobart’s goal is to have every 4 year old attend preschool.

## Top Ten Reasons to Attend Preschool

1. Preschool is an opportunity for **growth**.
2. Preschool prepares children for **kindergarten**.
3. Preschool promotes **social** and **emotional development**.
4. The preschool environment is **structured**.
5. Children get to make **choices**.
6. Children learn to **take care of themselves** and **others**.
7. Preschool promotes **language** and **thinking skills**.
8. Preschool teachers nurture a child’s **curiosity**.
9. Preschool activities boost **pre-math** and **literacy skills**.
10. Preschool helps develop **motor skills**.



## Brickie Kidz

Future Successes:  
Reading Readiness, Math, Science, Social Skills, Music, Large and Small Muscle Development, Art, Writing, Nutrition, Self-Care Skills, and much more!

PLAY helps your child learn to think critically, share, learn new vocabulary, listen to others, understand and follow rules, problem solve, question, strategize, and socialize!

**Located at**

The ELC at George Earle 400 North Wilson St Hobart, IN 46342 942-7263	Hobart High School 2211 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> St Hobart, IN 46342 942-8521
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**Class times:**  
**Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday**  
**AM Class: 8:15-10:45**  
**PM Class: 11:45-2:15**



Scholarships available based on need. Please ask for an application in one of the main offices.

In the kindergarten curriculum, skills will be addressed at a time that is developmentally appropriate for the kindergarten child. Instruction will include cooperative learning, paired activities and play to promote communication skills.

#### Reading

Utilizing Science of Reading, students will develop an understanding of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.

#### Writing

Our students are writers! They participate in Writer’s Workshop each day to turn their spoken words into written words and develop into authors and illustrators across multiple genres.

#### Printing

Kindergarten students will develop writing and printing skills.

#### Math

Through hands-on exercises and inquiry methods, students will learn number concepts including counting, graphing, numeral values and equations. Students will learn shapes, patterns and problem-solving skills.

#### Science

Students use concrete, hands-on experiences and experiments, to understand science in the physical and natural world around them and question through an inquiry model.

#### Social Studies

Kindergarten students develop an awareness of the people, communities, cultures and citizenship.

#### Art

In kindergarten, students will have the opportunity to explore various art forms and art from other cultures.

#### Music

Kindergarten students move freely to music and use patterns in singing and movement.

#### Library

The ELC library provides a dynamic exploration of literature for our students. Students have a unique experience to step inside a story through use of puppets, music and various props that enable them to be a part of an interactive story time. Our library is committed to providing an engaging experience for our students as well as an exciting variety of children's literature that is available for our students to check out.

#### Physical Education

The kindergarten students will learn and explore factors that affect a healthy lifestyle including gross motor skills, balancing and movement in games.

#### STEM

As a distinguished member of Project Lead the Way, our students develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. STEM fosters creativity and critical thinking.

#### Technology

The classroom Chromebooks are used to integrate and develop technology skills. Students experience interactive technology to enhance learning.

#### Play

Play is important to develop social development, language, problem solving, and motor development.

#### Social Emotional Learning

Lessons and activities are taught throughout the year to promote respect for one’s self, others, and the environment.

#### Kindergarten

