

## We Are A 5-Star Licensed Preschool

Lucy Daniels School is proud to hold a 5-Star rating which is the highest rated license standard of North Carolina. Our fabulous teachers hold the highest level degree of education, our classroom environment is outstanding, and we offer the highest standards of student to teacher ratios.

## What Does This Mean for a Lucy Daniels School Student?

- Teacher-to-student ratios are very low. This allows the teachers to create relationships and provide individualized attention.
- Children are provided with a variety of materials to play and learn with. Children explore an ever changing environment that keeps him/her interested in learning.
- The highest sanitation practices are followed by staff and students. Children's needs are met in a positive and timely manner.
- Children will have many opportunities throughout the day for free play. During free center time children are able to develop cognitive, motor, and social skills.
- Foundations for strong reading and literacy skills are an important part of the day, and such efforts are geared to each child's current level of development.
- All lead teachers have a degree in early childhood education or the equivalent.
- All teachers continue to attend classes and conferences to keep up-to-date on the latest in early childhood practices.

## Why Does 5-Star Quality Child Care Matter?

The early years of life matter because early experiences affect how the brain is built. As a child's brain grows, the quality of the experiences that a child has creates either a sturdy or fragile foundation for all of the development and behavior that follow. High quality experiences promote children's social, emotional, physical, communication and cognitive development. Parents want to make educated choices for their families and lay the foundation for later success in life for their children.

The Division of Child Development and Early Education determines the rated license each center receives. It is based on Compliance, Quality Child Care Program Standards, and Staff Education.

An additional benefit of the star rated license system is that it recognizes providers for the higher quality care that they provide. Lastly, the star rated license acts as a roadmap for providers to follow as they strive to improve the quality of their care.

## Need to Know More?

Visit the Parents page for the Star Rated License Overview on the <u>Division of Child</u> <u>Development</u> website.



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