



EXPERIENCE

ErinBe EDUCATION Heritage

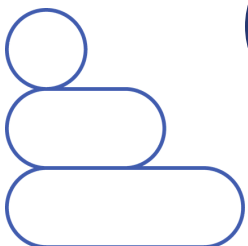
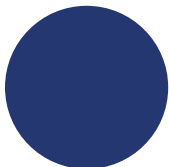




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EmBe's beginnings are rooted in meetings in 1921 that formed the YWCA in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Our vision to serve women and families has remained strong, empowering people to create meaningful and purposeful lives that serve our community well. EmBe has been providing care in Harrisburg for over 2 years, offering School Age Care programming in the schools: Horizon Elementary, Freedom Elementary, Endeavor Elementary, and Liberty Elementary.

MISSION

We uplift the potential in children, women, and families through opportunities that empower all.

VISION

A community where children thrive, women excel, and families succeed.

VALUES

Curiosity
Authenticity
Leadership
Connection



Thank you for choosing EmBe for your childcare needs. EmBe began providing preschool and childcare in 1961 – one of the first centers in Sioux Falls outside of in-home daycares. Since that time, EmBe's award-winning childcare programs have become some of the most respected in the region, with locations throughout the area.

GOALS

- Each child will have a safe, clean, secure environment supervised by caring adults.
- Each child will have a balance of spontaneous and directed play using various materials and equipment to encourage learning.
- Each child shall have an environment that will promote positive self-esteem, social skills, language development, physical and perceptual motor skills.

WELCOME TO

EmBe Education - Heritage

EmBe Education honors children, families, and their teachers by fostering wholistic development focused on character, inherent intelligence, and physical well-being. At EmBe Education-Heritage, we are delighted to offer 5 classrooms of early learning, beginning at birth and continuing until children are ready for Kindergarten.

At EmBe Education-Heritage, we believe that all children are capable of excellence. We use a spiralized curriculum, playful learning experiences, and intentional environments to ensure the best outcomes for each child. In addition to early learning, our Character Curriculum builds the foundation for good communities by emphasizing Autonomy, Generosity, Curiosity, and Love.

EmBe Education-Heritage also offers the opportunity to participate in early education innovation as we launch our Learning Lab and collaborate with Harrisburg High School to give students the opportunity to earn their CDA or collaborate in other ways at the center.

If you have questions or concerns regarding EmBe Education, please contact:



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Hello! We're so glad to have you in our program!

Meet Our EmBe Education Team



Caitlin Rothschadl, *Director of EmBe Education*

Sarah M. has been working in education and nonprofits for over 10 years. She earned her Masters of Science in Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. Sarah loves program development, expansion, and excellence.



Sarah Gaster, *EmBe Education Manager*

Sarah G. is an Elementary certified curriculum and instruction coach. Before joining EmBe, she taught for 10 years at Bishop O'Gorman Elementary Schools. Sarah loves working with teachers, being in classrooms, and facilitating growth.



Chelsea Weidner, *South/Heritage Childcare Manager*

Chelsea completed her Master of Science in Child Development with a concentration in Administration in 2020. Since that time, she has been in a director role at a private childcare center in Chicago. She has worked in infant, preschool, and school-age care during her 10+ years in this field.



CLASSROOMS & **Age Groups**

At EmBe Education, we design each classroom with children in mind - this is their space to play! In addition to academic preparation for Kindergarten, our Character Curriculum focuses on Curiosity, Generosity, Autonomy, and Love.

BABES

AGES

4 weeks - 12 months





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EXPLORERS

AGES

8 - 21 months





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CREATORS

AGES
2 years





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THINKERS

AGES
Preschool





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SCHOLARS

AGES
Preschool



EmBe

PLAYGROUND

Layout



The EmBe Education - Heritage Advantage

Licensed Ratios

Licensed staff-to-child ratios of 1:5 for classroom ages 0-2, 1:10 for 3 and older, launching with a strong enrollment of at least 75 children.



Designed for You

Flexible scheduling that meets your family's needs, including extended hours and no tuition during the summer months. Hours are 7:00-4:30, with an option for extended care until 5:30 as needed.

Creating Future Educators

Hands-on career exploration opportunities in education and child development for high school students—building the next generation of educators.

CCA Support

Expert support from one of the best teams in the state to help families navigate and qualify for Child Care Assistance.



Quality, Accessible Care

Exceptional, high-quality care at a lower cost—families can save almost \$5,000 annually compared to other childcare centers and unmatched reliability you can't get with an in-home.

Intentional Schedule

Our schedule makes sure children get what they need throughout the day; plenty of play, outdoor time, fun learning and 0 screen time before preschool.

In preschool, brand new promethean boards allow children to actively engage with technology.



"As someone who understands the critical role early learning plays in long-term student success, I see EmBe Education-Heritage as more than a child care center—it's a powerful investment in our children, our educators, and our workforce. With \$300,000 in South Dakota workforce grant funding supporting this effort, I'm proud to see our District lead the way in creating real, lasting solutions for working families."

- Dr. Jennifer Lowery
HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



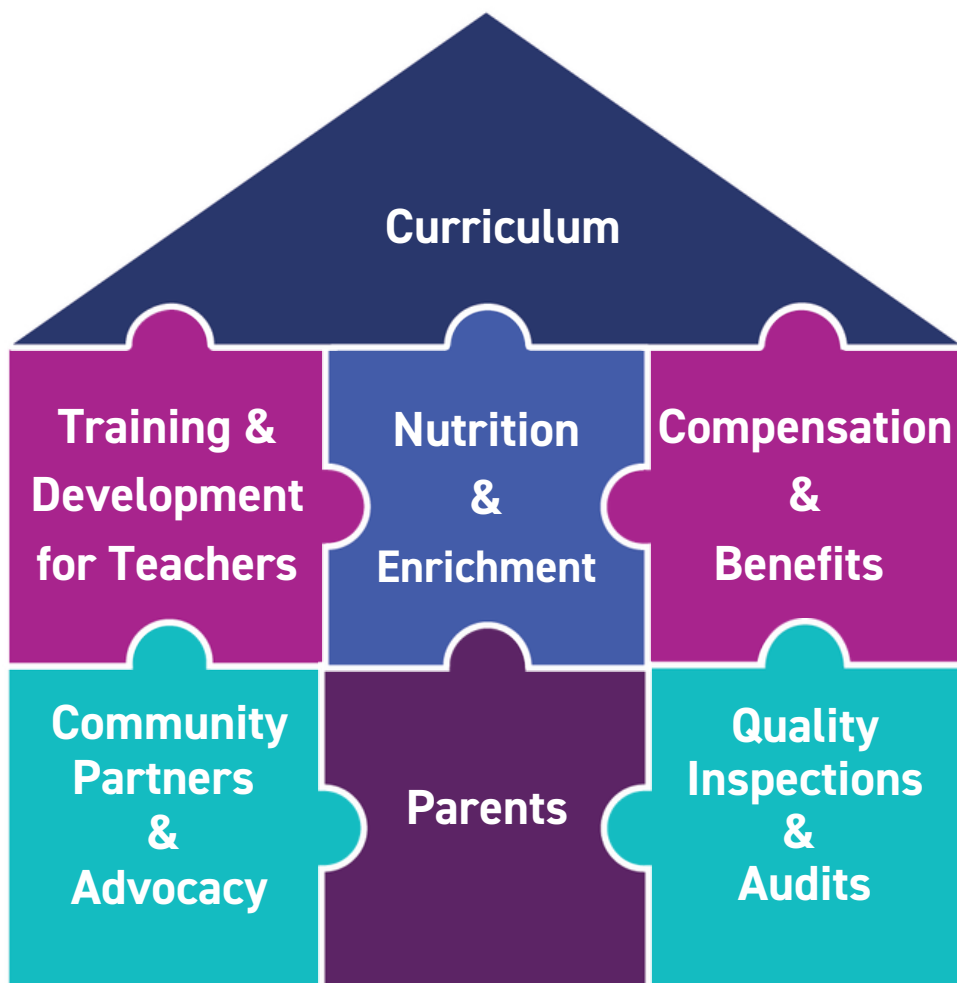
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Model for Success



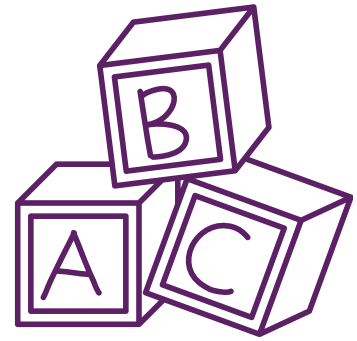
At EmBe, we believe education transforms lives and strengthens communities. Our mission is to provide inclusive, innovative programs that empower children, women, and families. EmBe Education drives workforce development, family stability, and lifelong learning through high-quality childcare and education.

Our model is like a house—rooted in a strong foundation uplifted by donors, parents, community partners, and skilled educators, ensuring exceptional care and learning. This collective strength supports our commitment to quality, nutrition, and supportive work environments. At the peak is our curriculum—a dynamic, expert-designed approach tailored to meet community needs.





EMBE EDUCATION Curriculum



INTRODUCTION TO EMBE EDUCATION

Children begin learning from birth.

While top-quality care is critical from birth through school age, that care can and should be integrated with comprehensive education, brought together in a model supported by parents, educators and the community. It sounds simple, but delivering that approach consistently can be incredibly complex and not always easy for families to receive.

EmBe Education is structured in multiple programs:

- Birth-2: Classrooms that help babies grow in safe, nurturing environments.
- Traditional preschool: A program that promotes play-based learning, with a focus on critical thinking and social emotional development.
- KinderCollege: A long-standing program with an increased emphasis on literacy, play and skill-based learning now including Spanish language and an emphasis on Latin culture.

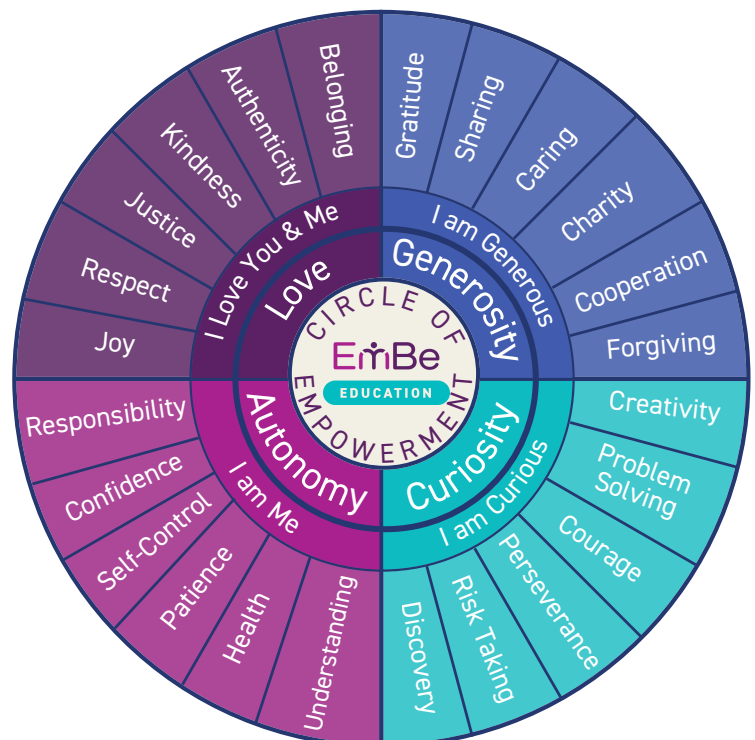
WHAT DOES THE CURRICULUM LOOK LIKE?

We put together a comprehensive framework incorporating South Dakota Early Learner and Head Start guidelines and CDC developmental milestones. At the same time, we realize this can't be a one-size-fits-all approach, so we trust and respect our teachers to work within this framework while tailoring it to the families we're serving. Our curriculum is repetitive, theme-based, and focuses on play and critical thinking, helping children dive deeper into learning each year.

Our character is anchored in four values:

- Curiosity – “I am curious.”
- Generosity – “I am generous.”
- Autonomy – “I am me.”
- Love – “I love you and me.”

Circle of Empowerment





FOOD PROGRAM & **Dietary Needs**

EmBe participates in the Child and Adult Nutrition Services' Child and Adult Care Feeding Program (CACFP). EmBe follows CACFP meal pattern requirements for every meal service. Serving size is adjusted according to the age of the child. EmBe takes pride in being able to provide nutritious meals that 50% of the time or more are made from unprocessed foods and locally sourced meat. Our lunch menu has more than 45 different meals in rotation.

If a meal or snack is brought in, it must be clearly labeled with the child's name. Food will be refrigerated if necessary and served by staff while following appropriate health procedures. EmBe does not heat food that EmBe does not provide.

EmBe is a nut-safe facility. Please keep this in mind when packing a lunch or snack for your child or the classroom. If a child has a food allergy, EmBe must have a doctor's note stating the allergy's specifics and a meal change form. This form can be provided at the front desk.

PLEASE NOTE: At the time of initial enrollment, all families must complete the CACFP Application for Free & Reduced Meals, regardless of eligibility. Please complete and return to the front desk.



If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's nutritional needs, please contact:



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CAREGIVER CONNECTION



EmBe utilizes brightwheel, a comprehensive, all-in-one software platform to collect enrollment paperwork, communicate with families, conduct billing, and provide real-time updates once your child is enrolled.

SIGN-UP

Parents/guardians and approved pickups will receive an invite to brightwheel. All are encouraged to sign up for the app to help make the pick up/drop off process smooth. Parents/guardians will have access to all brightwheel features where as approved pickups will only have the ability to check a child in/out. If parents/guardians would like to grant their approved pickups a higher level of access, we can adjust their settings to include visibility into daily activity.

DAILY CHECK IN/OUT

All children must get checked in/out of brightwheel daily by respective drop off/pick up personnel. This is imperative for appropriate records to be maintained. This process can be completed by opening brightwheel on your personnel device, scanning a QR code, and inputting your unique 4 digit code.

MESSAGING

Brightwheel offers two different messaging options. The staff & admins thread should be utilized to communicate with the classroom staff. This can include information about your child's needs or attendance. The admins thread can be used to ask enrollment/billing questions or get in contact with a manager.

DAILY ACTIVITY

Your child's daily activity including meals, bathroom, food, naps, learning, photos, etc. will be shared through brightwheel. Notifications for specific activities can be managed in your profile.

CALENDAR & PAPERWORK

Reference the calendar for upcoming events, closures, etc. View forms, files, and more under paperwork. Food menus, handbook, tuition rates, etc. will be available here.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Brightwheel App, please contact:



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