

Capital City Community Center
"Putting High/Scope's Core Values Into Practice in the Classroom"

This chart explains our early learning programs' core values and how teachers exemplify those values in the classrooms every day.

CORE VALUE	STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING VALUE IN THE CLASSROOM
Core Value: Equality	<i>We believe that each person matters and makes a difference to everyone else.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage children in activities that are centered around children's interests 	Observe and play as a partner with children throughout the day to assess their interests in order to plan for them
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand your knowledge of individual children 	Remember any special events, family life and traditions, or individual experiences of the children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay attention to individual children in a positive way 	Remember all children are individuals and we should embrace their individuality
Core Value: Responsibility	<i>We believe that human beings are self-determining and are responsible for their own lives. Everyone regardless of their age has the capacity to be responsible.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight curriculum values daily in the life of the classroom 	Highlight our core values throughout the classroom environment; equality, responsibility, honesty, respect, freedom, generosity and hard work, and community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display sensitivity to individual needs of the children throughout the day 	Help comfort children when needed and acknowledge their feelings by talking with them
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a safe and healthy environment for all within the classroom community 	Create a safe and healthy environment physically, emotionally, and mentally
Core Value: Honesty	<i>We believe that honesty is the foundation of our work. Our strength is secured by trust, and that trust grows through truth in action and in words.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a consistent daily routine that is easily understood 	Review parts of the daily routine to establish consistency and

and followed by classroom participants	prevent difficult behaviors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage children through experiences that are developmentally appropriate 	Meet children where they are developmentally and build on skills they already have
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share positive attention with children through positive interactions throughout the day 	Focus on the children by smiling, making eye contact, and getting on their physical level
Core Value: Respect	<i>We believe that respect for oneself, for others, for ideas, and for property is the vital connection that makes every individual a valued member of our community.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize supportive and respectful language 	Remain calm and avoid sarcasm and embarrassing comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage, respecting, and valuing individual children's efforts 	Acknowledge children's efforts by "noticing" what they did specifically and comment in a positive way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively listen to all students and share control of conversations 	Have authentic conversations with children in a give-and-take manner, listening and responding to their expressions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain confidentiality within classroom community 	Respect all children and adults within the classroom setting by maintaining confidentiality
Core Value: Freedom	<i>We believe that human beings learn best when they are not afraid of making mistakes which are valuable opportunities to learn.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empower children to make choices through personal interactions 	Encourage children to try new experiences allowing them to think for themselves
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivate children to form thoughts, ideas, and problem solve for themselves through positive interactions 	Ask children for their ideas and opinions and practice the problem solving approach to conflict with the children
Core Value: Generosity and Hard Work	<i>We believe that individual commitment, active participation, and taking effective action are the personal contributions that open doors to confidence and competence.</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage, respect, and value individual children's accomplishments 	Acknowledge children's accomplishments by noticing what they did specifically and comment in a positive way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide opportunities for children explore and use materials at their developmental level and pace 	Encourage, support, and acknowledge children to use materials in individual ways
Core Value: Community	<i>We believe that human beings are social creatures who thrive when they support and are supported by others in their community.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize inclusive language 	Use words like "we" and "our" to establish a community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize inclusive structures, such as partner and collaborative play 	Facilitate small and large group times and collaborative play during the plan-do-review process and play as a partner with children
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize facilitation techniques to help children listen and talk with one another 	Use open ended questions, connect children's ideas to one another, follow-up with children to support their ideas, and use non-judgmental responses