

# Learning : Educational Benefits

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## Programs & Resources (Examples):

- Access to robust school library
- Access to robust enrichment/intervention opportunities
- Access to VAPA classroom resources
- Expand cross-age peer mentoring programs. 'Buddies' programs provide intentional lower grade/upper grade academic and social interactions to foster relationships, leadership, and role models
- Continuum Special Education Resources & Services
- Access to more SEL supports

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## Staff and Student Benefits

- Increased staff interaction/collaboration can more easily track development of students over long periods of time and actively share strategies and awareness of student strengths and needs as they progress through school
- Curricular and programmatic articulation across grade levels for more seamless and spontaneous collaboration
- Administration always on-site
- Students endure only one transition into the public-school system, instead of two transitions
- Students with siblings benefit from family supports on one campus

# Safety and Supports for Students, Staff, and Families

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- Families have all elementary children at one site, facilitating communication and logistics, including pick-up/drop-off, and reducing sibling-care costs.
- Administrator on-site at all times
  - Increase frequency of classroom visits
  - Student supervision
- Consistent campus security and emergency preparedness protocols
- Consistent access to academic, behavioral and social/emotional supports
- All service providers are housed on one campus
- One transition into the school system
- Sibling togetherness (71 current ECDC students have siblings enrolled at VES 'Main')
- VES already has dedicated space, specifically designed for TK/K students
- Aligned with Sanford Harmony, one learning community that builds a strong sense of belonging and connection