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# Childcare chain The Learning Experience plans major Central Florida expansion



Image: The Learning Experience

The Learning Experience is expanding its Orlando footprint.

THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



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## STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Learning Experience plans to open 10 new Central Florida locations by 2027.
- Each center will cost \$3-\$4 million, totaling an investment of at least \$30 million.
- Centers will serve 180 children and employ as many as 30 full-time staff.

A national daycare chain is making a big investment in metro Orlando.

Deerfield Beach-based The Learning Experience recently announced it plans to open 10 new locations in Central Florida over the next three years. They are:

- in St. Cloud, at 4930 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy., in March 2025
- in Longwood, at 387 Wekiva Springs Road, in Q2 2025
- in Clermont, at 3444 S. U.S. Hwy. 27, in Q3 2025
- in Palm Coast, at 19 Market Ave., in Q4 2025
- in Davenport, at 6215 U.S. Hwy. 17-92 N., in Q4 2025
- in Sanford, at 3284 W. 1st St., in Q1 2026
- in Clermont, at U.S. Highway 27 and Golden Eagle Boulevard, in Q3 2026
- in Minneola, at 18130 U.S. Hwy. 27, in Q3 2026
- in Casselberry, at 1533 Seminola Blvd., in Q3 2026
- in Winter Springs, near Michael Blake Boulevard, in Q3 2027

The locations will be leased from a developer and built to suit, with a budget of \$3-\$4 million per location – translating to a combined investment of at least \$30 million.

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Each center will be up to 10,000 square feet with a 5,000-square-foot playground, employ as many as 30 full-time staff members and serve approximately 180 children from ages 6 weeks to 6 years old.

The Learning Experience Chief Development Officer David Slavny said he and his real estate team researched daytime population, area household income,

traffic patterns and more for each location.

"The Learning Experience performs extensive demographic analyses that inform our expansion initiatives including, population density, population growth, working parent population and many other factors to understand the demand for childcare in a region," Slavny said. "We continue to see this demand and need for parents in the Orlando market, one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the U.S., with a steady influx of families and young professionals moving to the region."

Owned by San Francisco-based private equity group Golden Gate Capital, the early learning franchise has 420 locations in three states, including 10 in metro Orlando.

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