



GAC Young Learners

Investing in the Next Generation of Spartans



Inspiration Photo

The Young Learners program is an integral part of the Greater Atlanta Christian School mission to help our youngest Spartans grow as Jesus did. Children, infants to three years olds, are cared for in a loving environment which combines a strong academic foundation, faith-filled curriculum, and the hours of traditional daycare. Now in its eighth year, Young Learners provides the best of both worlds.

As demand continues to increase, physical expansion and facility improvements are needed to accommodate a growing enrollment. Young Learners has become a critical strategic starting point for mission-aligned families. We believe it is important to invest in Young Learners for the continued success of each child.

"Young Learners has become a natural extension of our family. Every day, I am greeted by a warm and willing staff who strive to provide the individualized attention that my child needs. The teachers truly go above and beyond to make Young Learners a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for even the littlest Spartans on campus!"

GAC Parent

Now is the time to invest in our youngest Spartans!

Reimagined Interior and Enhanced Security

Adding glass into the classroom walls will embrace natural light for a more conducive learning environment.

Expansion plans include additional classroom space by encompassing part of the existing lobby area.

A partially covered outdoor environmental learning space will include room for mud kitchens, art projects, and more.

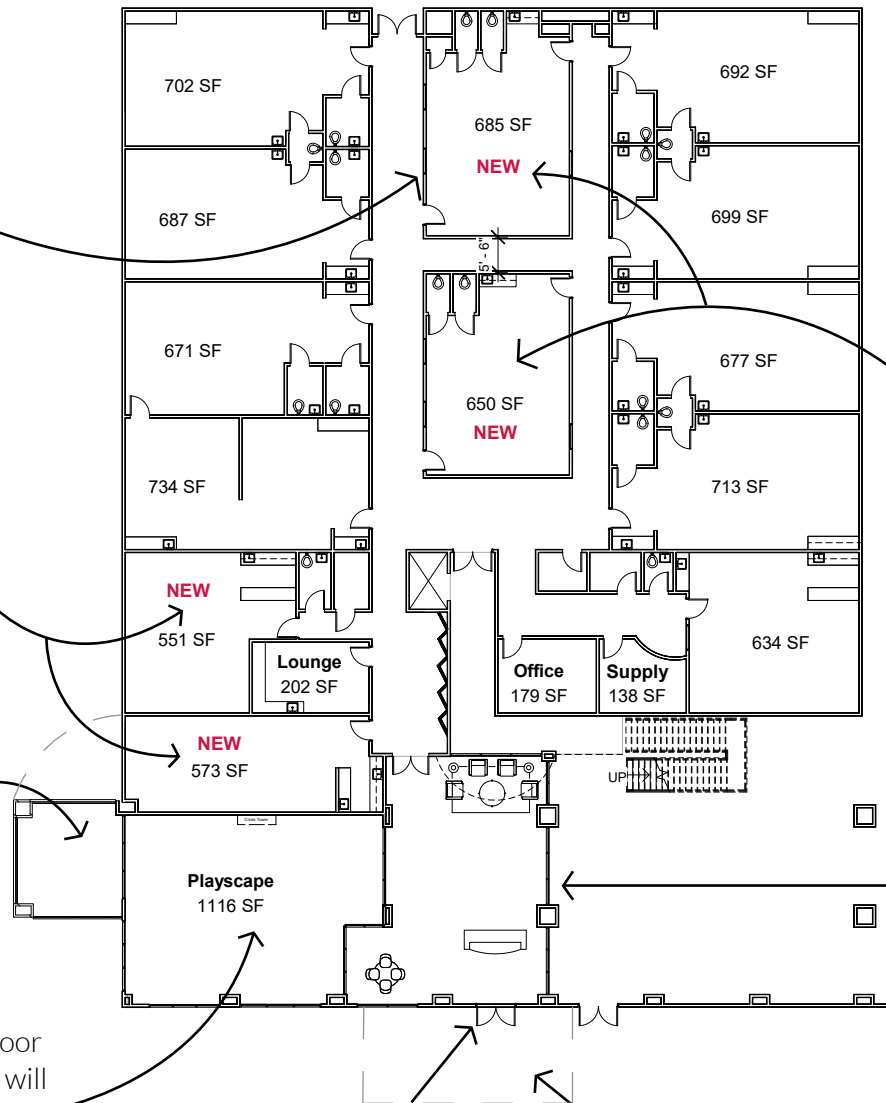
A new indoor playscape will promote exploration, curiosity, and imagination.

New dedicated Young Learners entry, separate from Campus Church and the Performing Arts Center, will provide enhanced security.

Secure new entrance will include a covered drop-off area.

Removing four small classrooms will provide the ability to add two new, more spacious classrooms.

Removal of an existing staircase will provide an opportunity maximize lobby space.



"Having spent a decade at GAC as a student, nothing gives me greater joy or peace than sending my daughter to the Young Learners program. Knowing she is loved, prayed for, and poured into by those who helped shape who I am today is one of the primary reasons we chose to officially make her a part of the GAC family."

GAC Parent

Nature-Inspired Play

The **Young Learners Expansion** project incorporates innovative redesign elements, such as an indoor playscape, optimized classroom square footage, increased functionality, natural light, and aesthetics that encourage imagination and curiosity.

New play areas and sensory zones will reinforce learning in the classroom. Young Learners children will enjoy the opportunity to learn, play, move, and explore in a thoughtfully planned, indoor playscape designed specifically for infants and toddlers.



Inspiration Photos



Young Learners Expansion:
\$ 1,000,000-\$1,250,000

Support the Vision

Through every phase of growth, GAC community members have been drawn together by a common vision and shared hope for the future. It is because of what Christ has done, what He is doing, and what He has prepared, that we have been able to trust in a vision that provides hope for a better tomorrow.

After years of prayerful consideration, reflection, and evaluation of the current environment, GAC leadership has cast a vision for new growth that will produce a lasting impact on current and future generations of young Spartans. We invite our community to join in this vision for the future by making an investment in the Young Learners Expansion project.

Please share this exciting information with your families and discuss a possible pledge commitment that may be paid over the course of four years. In order to complete the project this summer, pledge commitments must be submitted by May 26, 2023. Individuals and families contributing to this special project at the \$5,000 level and above will be recognized on a custom-designed "Giving Wall" which will serve as an aesthetic focal point in the new and improved Young Learners facility.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important project.

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Supporting the Vision

GAC Young Learners Expansion

Gift*	Gift Size	Number Needed
Lead Gift	\$250,000	1
Key Gift	\$100,000	1
Major Gifts	\$50,000 \$25,000	2 4
Supporting Gifts	\$10,000 \$ 5,000	10 20
General Gifts	Less than \$5,000	Many

**Gifts may be given over a 4-year period
Pledges requested by May 26, 2023*

“Giving Wall” Donor Recognition

Family Gifts of \$5,000+ and Grandparent Gifts of \$5,000+

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the difference between Annual Fund and Capital Giving projects such as this one?

A: The Annual Fund is GAC's yearly giving campaign that bridges the gap between what tuition covers and the total cost of a GAC education. Annual Fund donations are considered unrestricted and are used to support the general operating budget, programs, and activities that benefit our students. Capital Campaigns are multi-year, strategic fundraising initiatives that raise funds for a specific purpose, such as the Young Learners Expansion project. Capital campaign donations are usually restricted donations, and must therefore be used for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

Q: Why should I consider capital giving? My child will only benefit from the Young Learners renovation and enhancements for a few years after they are complete.

A: It is important to remember and reflect upon our school's legacy of generous giving. The sacrificial giving of previous generations funded the amenities and resources your child enjoys today. As the saying goes, all children are warmed by the fires built by others. Your generous investment in the enhancements of tomorrow will sustain GAC's long-term reputation of excellence.

Q: How much difference can my gift make, really?

A: Independent schools have far less supporters than universities or large charities do. Because the number of donors is small, but the need is large, every gift counts. Additionally, high levels of community commitment to GAC's mission strengthens our case when seeking support from foundations and corporations. Your gifts—regardless of size—make a difference for each and every child. For this reason, many families make GAC their top philanthropic priority.