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Our District sends a number of students each year to the renowned, tuition-free International Academy in Bloomfield Hills. There, students are immersed in a challenging, academic setting with a global focus. Selection into the program is by lottery.

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Infants, toddlers, preschoolers and pre-kindergarten students in Lake Orion’s Early Childhood Programs flourish in a safe and inviting learning environment. The pre-kindergarten program is carefully aligned with our kindergarten curriculum to assure a solid learning foundation.