



Meet The Team



Meet Allison Acero

Co-Founder and CEO

Hello! I am Allison Acero, owner and founder of Elite Learning Academy and Preschool. As a family-focused childcare owner, my journey into this business came from a deep-rooted passion for creating a safe, nurturing space where children can grow—and where families feel truly supported. I believe childcare should feel like an extension of home, and that is exactly what we've built.

What makes Elite Learning Academy and Preschool so special is its heart. It's not just about early education—it's about community, connection, and care. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of trust, consistency, and compassion when it comes to choosing care for your child. That's why our school prioritizes family values, strong relationships, and open communication.

If you are looking to invest in a business that aligns with those values—and allows you to make a real difference in the lives of children and their families—this could be the perfect path for you. I'd love to share more about my experience and what it's meant to be part of something that feels more like a family than just a business.

As the owner of Elite Learning Academy and Preschool, my journey into childcare was inspired by the people closest to my heart—my three children. As a mother and former nurse, I've always been driven to care for others. When I couldn't find a childcare environment that truly aligned with the values I wanted for my own family—warmth, safety, learning, and trust—I decided to create one.

That's how Elite Learning Academy and Preschool was born. Built on strong family values and a commitment to whole-child development, Elite is more than just a school—it's a place where children are nurtured like family, and where parents feel seen, supported, and confident in their choice.

My background in nursing taught me the importance of empathy, attention to detail, and putting people first—all of which I've carried into this business. For those considering joining the franchise world, I can tell you firsthand: this is a rewarding path that blends purpose with opportunity. I'd be honored to share my journey and show how Elite can help you create something truly meaningful for your community—and your own family.



Meet Brittany Pijewski

Co-Founder and Vice President of Operations

Hello! My name is Brittany Pijewski, and I am proud to be part of the leadership team, passion and drive, at Elite Learning Academy and Preschool. My husband, Josh, and I have been married since 2015, and we have four wonderful children, Paisleigh, Mila, Lincoln, and Baylor who inspire my passion for early childhood education every single day.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, which has provided me with a strong foundation for understanding children's emotional, cognitive, and social development. Before beginning my career in early childhood education, I worked with Child Protective Services (CPS), where I gained valuable experience advocating for children's well-being and ensuring they had safe and supportive environments to grow in.

For several years, Allison Acero and I have worked together to build one of the most trusted, high-quality childcare programs in our community. Our shared vision has always been to make a positive impact on the childcare community and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of teachers, children, and parents.

Each day, I look forward to seeing our students learn, explore, and thrive in a safe, clean, and nurturing environment that our dedicated team has created. At Elite, we take pride in offering a curriculum that is both engaging and developmentally appropriate, allowing children to develop confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

One of the greatest joys of my role is working alongside our incredible team of teachers. Their dedication, creativity, and genuine love for children is the foundation of everything we do at Elite. I am deeply grateful for their hard work and the passion they bring into the classrooms each day. They truly are the heart of our program, and their impact reaches far beyond the walls of our school.

The trust parents have instilled in our program is astonishing. We know how important that trust is, and we take it to heart. It is an incredible honor to partner with families in helping their children develop.

At Elite, our mission is simple, to be positive role models who help children build self-esteem and independence, preparing them for success in Kindergarten and beyond. I am truly honored to be part of a program that supports families and helps shape the next generation with care, compassion, and excellence.



Meet Our Teachers

At Elite Learning Academy & Preschool, our teachers are the heart of our school. Each educator joins our team as a qualified professional who has successfully completed a comprehensive criminal background check and meets or exceeds all state licensing requirements.

Our teachers bring a strong foundation of experience and education, including a minimum of 1,500 hours of prior childcare experience or an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree in a related field. Beyond credentials, they share a genuine passion for nurturing, teaching, and connecting with children.

We are deeply committed to ongoing growth and excellence. All staff members complete at least 12 hours of professional development annually, which includes Safe With You training, CPR and First Aid certification, and additional state-approved coursework. Teachers also participate in training aligned with specific domains of the Early Learning Guidelines, ensuring they stay current with best practices in early childhood education.

Most importantly, our educators create warm, engaging classrooms where children feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. Through intentional teaching, meaningful relationships, and hands-on experiences, our teachers help every child grow with confidence and curiosity.

FAMILY

One EliteFamily. MultipleLocations. One Mission.

Elite Learning Academy & Preschool is proudly family-founded and Nebraska-owned and operated, serving families across Gretna, Omaha, and Elkhorn. While each of our locations has its own unique community, they are all guided by the same founders, shared values, and commitment to excellence.

Our mission is simple: To create the most Elite environment for children to learn and grow.

Elite was founded by Allison Acero (Co-Founder & CEO) and Brittany Pijewski (Co-Founder & VP of Operations)—both moms, leaders, and passionate advocates for children and families. What began as a desire to create the kind of childcare they wanted for their own children has grown into a trusted early learning community built on:

- Family values
- Strong relationships
- Safety, trust, and open communication
- Whole-child development
- A team that truly feels like family

At Elite, childcare isn't just what we do – it's personal. We're honored to partner with families during these important early years and grateful for the trust you place in us every day.