



FREE HALF-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN

APPLY TODAY!

2022-2023

Apply now for free half-day prekindergarten at:

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts

Crest View Elementary

Edinbrook Elementary

Fair Oaks Elementary

Garden City Elementary

Palmer Lake Elementary

Park Brook Elementary

Zanewood Community School

*Science, Technology, Engineering,
Arts and Math (STEAM)*

Para hablar con alguien en español sobre el programa gratuito de pre-kinder, por favor contacte a Jorge Brenes al correo electrónico BrenesJ@district279.org o llame al teléfono 763-549-2444.

Yog koj xav nrog ib tug neeg Hmoob tham txog qhov Pre-Kindergarten kev pab cuam no, thov xa email mus rau Kou Vang ntawm tus email: VangK@district279.org los sis hu xov tooj mus rau nws ntawm: 612-394-3343.

Để nói chuyện với người Việt Nam về chương trình mầm non miễn phí, xin liên lạc với cô Luann Bui tại BuiL@district279.org hoặc gọi số điện thoại: 612-394-3345.

Si aad qof Soomaali ku hadlaya uga wareysato arrimaha la xiriira barnaamijka kindergarten-ka ka hor (Pre-kindergarten) ee lacag la'aanta ah fadlan kala xiriir Saleban Garbiye email-ka GarbiyeS@district279.org ama ka wac 612-394-3362.

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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Free Half-Day Every Day Prekindergarten

Our free, half-day prekindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-olds meets every school day. It features hands-on learning opportunities and a thoughtful, developmentally appropriate curriculum that will prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Small class sizes mean your child will receive personal attention from our highly trained and caring teaching staff. Free transportation is also available to eligible students who live 0.8 mile or more from their school (*see back page to learn more*).

This free prekindergarten program is made possible by special funding from the state, which recognizes the established link between early learning opportunities and student achievement.

The free prekindergarten program is available at these schools:

Birch Grove (Arts) Edinbrook
Crest View Fair Oaks

Garden City
Palmer Lake

Park Brook
Zanewood (STEAM)



What to expect in prekindergarten

While there is some variation among schools, a typical day in prekindergarten may include:

- Morning meeting/afternoon welcome
- Story time
- Breakfast (morning session)
- Choice time and small group work
- Physical activities
- Group activities
- School library and computer lab visits
- Snack (afternoon session)



What will my child learn in prekindergarten?

Our prekindergarten curriculum will prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond. Below are some examples of what your child will learn in prekindergarten:

Personal & Social Development

- Express ideas, feelings and needs
- Demonstrate self-control skills
- Use words and other strategies to resolve conflicts

Math

- Count objects
- Duplicate a simple pattern

Language & Literacy

- Connect letters with sounds
- Predict what will happen in a story and talk or draw about it
- Recognize rhyming words

Science

- Ask questions and seek answers through active exploration

Physical Education

- Move body with coordination
- Demonstrate small motor control and coordination

APPLICATION DEADLINES & LOTTERY PROCESS

Apply by December 31

*Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts
(separate magnet school application)*

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts is a magnet school with separate application deadlines.

Apply to Birch Grove by the first lottery deadline of December 31, 2021. The online application is available at www.nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.

For more information and/or assistance with the magnet school application, contact Northwest Suburban Integration School District at 763-450-1303.

Note: Prekindergartners with older siblings currently attending Birch Grove must complete a magnet school application; **prekindergartners are not automatically enrolled based on an older sibling's enrollment.**

About Birch Grove

At Birch Grove, core curriculum in grades K-5 is integrated with music, dance, drama and visual arts for daily classroom instruction. Arts-rich electives and arts troupes provide additional opportunities for students to “learn through our passion for the arts!”

Apply by January 15

*Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City,
Palmer Lake, Park Brook, Zanewood STEAM*

The priority application window for Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Palmer Lake, Park Brook and Zanewood is Jan. 15, 2022. Please submit your child's application by this date to have the best chance of acceptance into the district's free prekindergarten program.

Applications received after Jan. 15, 2022, will be processed in the order they arrive.

Note: Students who live within the attendance area of the school offering the free prekindergarten program have the highest priority for enrollment.

After September 13, 2022, applications are considered on a space-available basis for:

- Students living in the attendance areas of other schools offering the free prekindergarten program; and
- Students assigned to other elementary schools in the district or who live outside the school district.

For all applications, additional preferences are given in the following order:

1. Sibling — if the student's sibling already attends the requested school.
2. Childcare — if the student's childcare is in the attendance area of the requested elementary school.
3. Employee — if the student's parent/legal guardian is employed by the district.

Priority/preference does not guarantee that students will be accepted into the free prekindergarten program.



Free Half-Day PreKindergarten Locations

11200 93rd Ave N
Maple Grove, MN 55369
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Permit #3
Maple Grove, MN

Birch Grove Elementary

School for the Arts

4690 Brookdale Dr., Brooklyn Park
763-561-1374

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Dr. Ronald Salazar, Principal

Crest View Elementary

8200 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-5165

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Shawn Stibbins, Principal

Edinbrook Elementary

8925 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-493-4737

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Aaron Krueger, Principal

Garden City Elementary

3501 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center

763-561-9768

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

David Branch, Principal

Fair Oaks Elementary

5600 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-533-2246

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sara Looby, Principal

Palmer Lake Elementary

7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park

763-561-1930

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Sarah Schmidt, Principal

Park Brook Elementary

7400 Hampshire Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-6870

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Scott Taylor, Principal

Zanewood Community School-STEAM

7000 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-9077

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Adrain Pendelton, Principal

Enrollment Center

7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
763-585-7350

Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
www.district279.org/enroll



Important Dates

Apply now! Questions? Call **763-585-7350** or email enrollmentcenter@district279.org.

December 31, 2021

First lottery deadline for Birch Grove

If you wish to enroll your child at Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts, apply by Dec. 31 in order to be considered in the first lottery. **Apply at www.nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.**

Winter 2022

Schedule Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is available at no cost to all children ages three through five. Screening includes a check of vision, hearing, and developmental progress; a review of immunizations and family information; and an individual consultation with parents regarding the child's progress and any identified needs. Please call 763-391-8777 to set up your screening appointment.

January 15, 2022

First lottery deadline for Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Park Brook, Palmer Lake and Zanewood STEAM

Apply by Jan. 15 so your child has the best chance to be accepted into the district's free prekindergarten program at Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Palmer Lake, Park Brook and Zanewood. Submit your child's completed application by emailing it to EnrollmentCenter@district279.org; faxing it to 763-585-7368; or putting it in the lobby drop box at the Enrollment Center (7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN, 55429).

Summer 2022

Update your child's immunizations

State law requires written proof that prekindergartners have been immunized against the following (or have an exemption): hepatitis A and B; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP/DT); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; pneumonia; varicella (chicken pox); and Hib. If you have questions about these immunizations or the free immunization clinic, please call 763-585-7350.

Note: Legal exemptions regarding immunizations are allowed for medical reasons and conscientiously held beliefs.

Watch for information about transportation and open house!

Transportation information will be mailed the last week of August. Please see below for important detailed information.

Students who complete enrollment **on** or **before** Aug. 16, 2022:

- Transportation to and from school begins the first day of school for children who are eligible for transportation.

Students who complete enrollment **after** Aug. 16, 2022:

- Transportation to school (if morning pre-K) or from school (if afternoon pre-K) will begin the first day of school for children who are *eligible for transportation when an existing stop is available.
- Mid-day transportation (to home if morning pre-K, or to school if afternoon pre-K) for *eligible students is the responsibility of the parent/guardian until mid-day bus routes have been arranged by transportation staff (may take up to three weeks).
- *Children whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) requires specialized transportation will receive busing as soon as routes can be arranged, which may take up to three weeks.