

CHATFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Dear Parent,

It's hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about fall registration for preschool. Children who will be three or older by September 1, 2025 are eligible to register. The list of the preschool options available are enclosed. When registering, note the age requirements. **CLASSES FILL UP EARLY.** If you have a preference, register soon. If you have any questions, contact LuAnn Klevan at the number or email listed above.

Initial Confirmation - Letters tentatively confirming your child's class assignment will be mailed in June. Please note: due to low or high enrollment a class may later be canceled or added.

Preschool Packets Mailed: Mid July Packets will include final confirmation, teacher assignment, supply list, Preschool Orientation information, transportation registration, immunization forms (make sure immunizations are up-to-date.)

Preschool Orientation: This is an opportunity for parents & the preschooler to meet with the teacher. The teacher will go over information specific to the classroom, as well as some program-wide information. It is also an opportunity for you and your child to explore the room. Our goal is to help your child become more comfortable with the classroom, which makes the first day of class a little easier for both of you. This is a special time for parent and preschooler. Please make other arrangements for siblings. Orientation is tentatively scheduled for August 28th & September 2ND.

Tuition Due: September 1st **Start Week:** Preschool begins the week of September 8TH.

Note:

* Preschool will follow the school's late start Wed. schedule. **Classes start at 8:30 on Wednesdays.**

* Regarding the 4 Day plus Friday Child Care -You must have back-up child care, as **Valleyland and Friday Child Care are not available on non-instructional days and snow days.**

Registrations for currently enrolled students begins March 11th

New Student Registration opens on March 19th.

Registrations must be received online.

www.chatfieldschools.com > Community Education Page > use the Community Education Registration link

Please read the FAQ noted on the back of this letter.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is tuition due each month? *Tuition is due the 1st of each month. There is a \$10 late fee for payments received after the 7th. Tuition is the same amount every month, regardless of the number of times the class is held. **The total cost for the year is divided into nine monthly payments.** Tuition payments may be submitted to your child's classroom, or to Community Education, 11555 Union St., Chatfield, MN 55923. Online payments are also an option. There is a 3.67% transaction fee for online payments.*

Is there transportation to and from preschool? *Children enrolled in the 4 & 5 Year Old classes may ride the bus to school in the morning or from school in the afternoon **IF they have a bus buddy.** A bus buddy is a child (sibling or neighbor in grades 1-6) who uses the same bus stop. The bus buddy escorts the preschooler to the morning meeting place or classroom, and meets the preschooler in the cafeteria before boarding the bus at the end of the day. **If your child is eligible for the 4 & 5 year old class and is enrolled in a blended class, he/she may ride the bus with a bus buddy.***

Is childcare available before and after preschool? Valleyland (School-Age Care) will be available each school day, 6-8 a.m. and 2:45-6 p.m. **It is not available on days your child does not attend preschool, non-instructional days or snow days.** Space is limited. When you register for preschool online, the Valleyland registration is part of the registration process.

Are lunches provided for full-day students? Free breakfast & lunch are available to all preschool students. Breakfast is served around 9:00 a.m. You may want to have your child eat something before coming to preschool, as well.

Do preschoolers nap? Students in the 3&4 Year Old classes nap after lunch. The 4&5 Year Old classes have quiet time following lunch (includes 20 minutes of resting & then a movie).

Does my child need to be fully toilet trained before starting preschool? *Yes, your child must be able to toilet independently. That means he or she must be able to go into the bathroom (every room has a bathroom), use the toilet, wipe and flush independently. Staff will assist with snaps and zippers. **Please work on these skills before school starts. (Please note: Wearing pull-ups is not considered fully toilet trained.)***

Is financial assistance available? **YES!** *Early Learning Scholarships are available, based on income. When submitting your registration, be sure to request a scholarship application. Applications will be sent in July. If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact LuAnn Klevan at 867-4521 x. 5022 or lklevan@chatfieldschools.com.*

To Register:

Go to www.chatfieldschools.com > select the Community Education Page > click on the Community Education Registration link.

CHATFIELD COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL 2025-26

Registration Fee: \$60 / \$75 after May 31st

Register Online: www.chatfieldschools.com > community education > Community Education Registration

CLASS OPTIONS

CLASS	ELIGIBILITY	DAYS	TIMES	TUITION (Due the 1 st week of the month)	BUS WITH BUS BUDDY
3 & 4's – 2 Mornings	3 by Sept. 1, 2025	Mondays & Thursdays	8:00-11:15 a.m.	\$126/month	Not eligible
3 & 4's – 2 Full Days	3 by Sept. 1, 2025	Mondays & Thursdays	8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.	\$245/month	Not eligible
4 & 5's -- 3 Mornings	4 by Sept. 1, 2025	Tuesday, Wednesdays & Fridays	8:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (8:30 start on Wed.)	\$174/month	Eligible
4 & 5's -- 3 Full Days	4 by Sept. 1, 2025	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays	8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (8:30 start on Wed.)	\$355/month	Eligible
4 & 5's -- 4 Full Days	4 by Sept. 1, 2025	Mondays- Thursdays	8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (8:30 start on Wed.)	\$495/month	Eligible
4 & 5's -- 4 Full Days plus Friday Child Care *	4 by Sept. 1, 2025	Mondays- Thursdays and Child Care on Fri.	8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (8:30 start on Wed.)	\$575/month	Eligible

***Note: Friday Child Care is not open on days when school or preschool is not in session. Therefore, you must have a back-up plan for non-school days – including teacher workshop days and weather-related closings.**

TRANSPORTATION

Students enrolled in the 4 & 5 Year Old classes may ride the bus with a bus buddy who is in 1st grade or older. A Bus Buddy is typically a sibling or child from the same daycare. The bus buddy must use the same bus stop as the preschooler. **You must submit a Preschool Transportation Registration form** at least one week prior to your preschooler riding the bus. *You may request the form when registering for preschool.*

LUNCH/NAP/QUIET TIME

Breakfast is served to all preschoolers. Breakfast is between 8:30 and 9:30, so it may be helpful to have your child eat something before heading to school. Free lunch is provided for all full-day preschool students. If you prefer, you may send a cold lunch with your child. Students in the 3 & 4 Year Old classes will nap following lunch. Students in 4 & 5 Year Old classes will have a quiet time (20 minute rest, followed by a movie.)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Early Learning Scholarships are available for preschoolers. The scholarship will cover most of the tuition for preschool – this does not include Friday Child Care. Eligibility is based on income. You may request a scholarship application when registering for preschool.

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(See the back page for information on Online Registration and Valleyland – School Age Care)

PREK VALLEYLAND (School-Age Care)

Prek VL registration is part of the online preschool registration. Space is Limited

- Hours: 6:00-8:00 a.m. / 2:45-6:00 p.m.
- Fees: Mornings - \$8 Afternoons - \$10
- Prek Valleyland is only available on days when your child is attending preschool. PreK Valleyland is not open on non-instruction days or any day the school is closed.
- Prek Valleyland is open for late starts and early outs.
- There is an additional \$25 per child registration fee for Valleyland.
- Bills are distributed every 2 weeks. Your account must remain in good standing in order to continue child care.
- If your child will not be attending on a scheduled day, you must contact Valleyland a minimum of 3 work days in advance to avoid being charged for the day.
- Calendars are due before the 24th of the previous month. There is a \$10 no calendar fee.
- The handbook is available on the school website. A hardcopy is available at Valleyland, upon request. Parents are responsible for the information included in the handbook.
- All Valleyland and Preschool accounts must be paid in full before your registration will be accepted.

Register Online: www.chatfieldschools.com > community education > Community Education Registration.

Preschool Registration Fee: \$60 if received by May 31st / \$75 after May 31st
PreK Valleyland Registration Fee: \$25/child

When registering for Preschool be prepared to provide Emergency Contacts and names & numbers of individuals who may pick your child up at dismissal time.

Questions? Call 867-4524 x. 5022, or email lklevan@chatfieldschools.com.

Please Note: Minnesota Statutes and rules require the school district to keep accurate records and updated personal records for all pupils. The information will become part of the student's permanent cumulative record and will be available to appropriate staff members of District 227. Certain information, known as "directory information" is available to the public unless the district receives a written request from a parent.

In compliance with state and federal laws, it is the policy of Chatfield Public Schools to make all educational, including vocational, course work available to all students without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status in regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation or age.