

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**It's time for  
kindergarten!**



**2020-21 KINDERGARTEN  
ENROLLMENT GUIDE**

[www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten)

*\*Spanish version available upon request.*



# WELCOME TO WAPS!

Congratulations, you have a child who is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2020! The transition to kindergarten is an exciting step into lifelong learning. Winona Area Public Schools offers outstanding and comprehensive programs with proven results. This booklet will walk you through the options and the process to become a future Winhawk.

## HOW TO REGISTER

To register visit **WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten**. If your family is new to Winona Area Public Schools select "New Family"; if you have other children within the district select "Current Family." Infinite Campus is the WAPS registration site and it will walk you through the registration process.

### What do I need to register online?

- Electronic copy of your child's immunization record
- Electronic verification of your child's birth
- Family contact info
- Child care providers

### What if I do not have electronic copies or need help registering?

No worries! Join us on **Monday, Feb. 17** from 5:30-7 p.m. for Future Winhawk Registration Night at the Winona Middle School, 1570 Homer Road. You can bring your hard copies and we will make copies for you and attach to your account. WAPS Tech Support will also be available to support you. There will also be fun activities for kids and a chance to get your picture taken with Herky.



*\*\*If you do not plan to register your child for kindergarten in WAPS please fill our Non-Attendance Verification on [www.WinonaSchools.org/Kindergarten](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/Kindergarten). This will help us update our list for future communications.*

# IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 3 - MARCH 2

## **Ríos Spanish Immersion Application Window**

Ríos Spanish Immersion Program will be accepting applications from Feb. 3 to March 2. To learn more about the program, or to apply, visit [www.WinonaSchools.org/rios](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/rios).

FEBRUARY 17- 5:30-7:00 p.m.

## **Future Winhawk Registration Night**

During this event kindergarten families will have the opportunity to meet elementary principals, secretaries, Superintendent Dr. Annette Freiheit and other district administrators, and take a picture with Herky! WAPS Tech Support will also be available to assist with registration needs. *Event is held at Winona Middle School, 1570 Homer Road.*

MARCH 26 - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

## **Kindergarten Open House**

You are invited to visit your new school, meet teachers, tour classrooms and become part of the Winhawk family.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

## **Kinderhawks Camp**

Get a taste of what kindergarten is like at Kinderhawks Camp! Families of incoming kindergartners will sign up for a two-hour session (location of camp to be announced), and the future kindergartner will get a chance to interact with their classmates, do an art project, play outside and more! More details will be sent to families in the future.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

## **Winhawk Welcome**

This orientation event is for all students in Grades K-4 to visit their school, meet their assigned classroom teacher, drop off supplies, tour the schools and attend a presentation from the principal.

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

## Are Your Kids Ready?

Minnesota's Immunization Law

**Immunization Requirements** Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).

Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. The table on the back shows the ages when doses are due.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years <sup>③</sup> For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1 <sup>st</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B <sup>⑦</sup> ✓✓✓
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT <sup>④</sup> ✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses <sup>⑥</sup>	✓Tdap <sup>⑧</sup> 8 or at least 7 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio <sup>⑤</sup> ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal <sup>⑨</sup> ✓ & booster
Pneumococcal <sup>①</sup> ✓✓✓✓			
Varicella ✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓
<b>Immunizations recommended but not required:</b>			
Influenza Annually for all children age 6 months and older			
Rotavirus For Infants			Human papillomavirus At age 11-12 years

① Not required after 24 months.

② If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form confirming disease.

③ First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.

④ Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.

⑤ Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.

⑥ Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.

⑦ An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.

⑧ One dose of Tdap is required beginning at 7th grade. Also need proof of at least two tetanus and diphtheria containing doses (DTaP/DT/Td). If a child received Tdap prior to 7th grade, another dose of Tdap is not needed.

⑨ One dose is required beginning at 7th grade. The booster dose is usually given at 15 years.

**Exemptions** To enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school in Minnesota, children must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a non-medical exemption signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

During online registration you will have the opportunity to inform us of any special conditions for your child that our health services should know. Our Student Health staff will also be available at Future Winhawk Registration Night at Winona Middle School on Feb. 17, 2020.

# WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

In Minnesota, all children are required to complete Early Childhood Screening before they enter public kindergarten. Screening is a free check of your child's development (language, thinking, physical skills) height, weight, vision and hearing.

**Make your appointment today!**

Online: [WinonaSchools.org/screening](https://WinonaSchools.org/screening)  
Call: 507.494.0913

## DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

The district provides transportation to and from an eligible home or daycare address located within your attendance area boundary only. The pick up and drop off locations may differ, but they need to be consistent every day and located at an eligible address in the attendance area.

**Learn more**

[WinonaSchools.org/transportation](https://WinonaSchools.org/transportation)

## SCHOOL NUTRITION

WAPS School Nutrition offers breakfast and lunch in each of the elementary buildings each day. Breakfast is free for all kindergartners (it is \$1.50 for other students), while lunch is \$2.40. Menus are sent home monthly with students. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the Application for Educational Benefits. Families must complete the application each year to receive benefits.

**Learn more**

[WinonaSchools.org/nutrition](https://WinonaSchools.org/nutrition)





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**Child of: Herky the Winhawk**  
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## Ríos Spanish Immersion Program

The Ríos Spanish Immersion program provides educational experiences, that support academic and linguistic development in two languages and that develop students' appreciation of their own and other cultures.



### Features of the Ríos Spanish Immersion

- 90% of the K-2 student's academic time will include learning subject matter in Spanish
- Students will become proficient Spanish listeners, speakers, writers, and readers
- Students will master content in the same subject areas as their counterparts who do not attend the program
- Students will participate in art, music, and physical education taught in English
- Language Arts is taught in English starting in 3rd grade

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