



EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
Community Education

2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR

Eden Prairie Schools **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING**

Early Childhood Family Education | Little Eagles Preschool



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LITTLE EAGLES

Early Childhood & Preschool

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

ECFE classes are designed to strengthen families and support children's healthy growth and development. Try out a FREE class with your baby:

- Baby Sign Language
- Parent and Baby Yoga
- Infant Massage
- Baby Story Time

New dates and times are added regularly! Learn more at www.edenpr.org/ECFE.

Little Eagles Preschool

Our preschool program is designed to provide children with all aspects of developmental preparation. We strive to meet your family's needs with half-day options ranging from three to five days per week as well as with our full-day, five days per week preschool.

We would love to meet you and show you how your child will grow and thrive with Little Eagles Preschool. Set up a tour to explore our classrooms, meet our teachers, and learn about our programs.

Call or email to schedule your personalized tour.

Early Childhood Screening

Join us at Early Childhood Screening as soon as your child turns 3! This is a FREE and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is a requirement of the State of Minnesota for all preschool-aged children.



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Early Childhood Education is a core component of Community Education where families with young children begin their relationship with Eden Prairie Schools. We are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year with your family. In this catalog, you will see many choices for you and your family. At Eden Prairie Schools, we have highly qualified and skilled teachers who will provide an engaging experience and foundation of learning for you and your child.

Eden Prairie Schools recognizes that every family has big dreams for their children. Choosing where to send your children to school is one of the most important decisions your family will make.

We also recognize that every child has unique needs. It is our goal to offer the best learning environment for your child. Academic and support program specialists collaborate with classroom teachers to deliver classroom instruction. This collaboration is designed to support each child who walks through our doors in reaching his/her full potential.

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REGISTER



ONLINE

www.edenpr.org/epcommunityed



PHONE

952-975-6940

Haddi aad ubaahan tahay caawinaad af Somali so wac 952-975-7254.



IN PERSON

Education Center
 8040 Mitchell Rd.
 Eden Prairie, MN 55344
 8:00 AM–4:30 PM
 Monday through Friday

Para obtener información en español, contáctese con Heriberto Vargas en hvargas@edenpr.org o 952-975-7068. Haddii aad ubaahan tahay caawinaad af Somali so wac 952-975-7069.



EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

Community Education

As a department of Eden Prairie Schools, Community Education inspires lifelong learning by providing opportunities to connect and engage people of all ages, interests and abilities. We offer classes and programs to expand your horizons, hone your talents or introduce you to a new hobby so that learning can be a fun and ongoing process – not limited to a typical school day.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Parents & Children, Ages Birth to 5

ECFE classes strengthen families and support children's healthy growth and development. Ongoing weekly and one time classes provide parenting tips that can be used immediately.

Little Eagles Preschool, Ages 3 through 5

Eden Prairie Schools' preschool program provides children with all aspects of developmental preparation. Our program content, highly qualified teachers, and use of best teaching practices earned our preschool program the highest state Parent Aware rating of four stars.

Early Childhood Screening

Screening is a FREE check on your child's development that is required of all children prior to starting kindergarten. Children can be screened beginning at age 3. See page 21 and visit www.edenpr.org/ECScreening for more information about screening and to learn how to schedule an appointment.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

EPIC Youth Programs, Ages 4+

Our EPIC Youth Program ignites interest and challenges students in a fun, safe, and supportive atmosphere. Enrichment and recreational classes are available to students after school and in the summer. Learn more about our wide variety of youth programming opportunities at www.edenpr.org/EPIC.

Teen Driver Education

Classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction for teens 18 and under are offered after school and in the summer at the high school with certified, licensed teachers.

Parent/Child and Multi-Age Classes

Through a collaboration with our youth and adult programs, we offer a variety of classes intended for both youth and adult participants.

Early Childhood Program Locations:

* Education Center

(Community Education Office)
8040 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

* Lower Campus Preschool Center

8100 School Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

* Cedar Ridge Elementary

8905 Braxton Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

SCHOOL AGE CARE

Eagle Zone School Age Care

The district-wide before and after school child care program is coordinated by Eden Prairie Schools Community Education department. We are excited to offer an affordable, fun, and engaging care option for your K-6 grade child.

Eagle Zone is a choice-based program where students will have the flexibility to choose an activity that interests them throughout the program time. On a daily basis, we incorporate outdoor and gym time; quiet activities such as a reading corner, drawing station or a dramatic play area; and coordinated activities including arts and crafts projects, STEM experiments, cooking and other hands-on activities.

Learn more at www.edenpr.org/EagleZone. Summer registration opens Friday, February 7, 2020. Registration for 2020–2021 before/after school care opens Monday, March 9, 2020.



ADULT PROGRAM

Adult Learning

We believe you are never done learning! Our Community Education program offers hundreds of classes on a wide variety of topics. Rediscover the joy of learning with no grades or papers—just the pure satisfaction of discovering something new. Learn more at www.edenpr.org/Adult.

Adults with Disabilities Learning Exchange

A wide variety of classes and support services are offered for adults with disabilities. Classes meet from September to June and are open to residents of Eden Prairie, Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield.

Adult Basic Education and ESL

In partnership with Metro South, we offer classes in Adult English (also called ESL), GED, Diploma, College Prep, and Citizenship. They are offered in Eden Prairie and Bloomington. Visit www.metrosouth.org.

FACILITIES USE AND RENTAL

Are you looking for a place to meet or play? Most Eden Prairie Schools facilities can be scheduled for a variety of activities during non-school hours. Whether you need a meeting room, a whole gym or something in-between, Community Education can help. Our modest fees and professional on-site staff provide a convenient and high quality experience. Learn more by calling 952-975-6941 or visiting www.edenpr.org/FacilityUse.

FAMILY RESOURCES PROGRAM

Eden Prairie Schools Community Education operates the Family Resources Program to support students and families who live, work, or go to school in our community.

The Family Resources Program connects you to community information, resources, and local services. Additional information about resources and services available to those in Eden Prairie is online at www.edenpr.org/FamilyResources or call our Family Resources Specialist at 952-975-7030.

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

Our Family Literacy Program supports parents who want to learn English and their children through Family School, evening English classes, and an online Literacy Toolkit. Learn more at www.edenpr.org/FamilyLit.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM & SHARING INSPIRATION GUEST SPEAKERS BUREAU

Share your skills and talents! Community Education places dedicated community members in volunteer placements across the district to enhance student learning. Sample opportunities include:

- Early Childhood/Preschool Classroom Volunteer
- Sharing Inspiration Guest Speaker
- Elementary Classroom Volunteer or Literacy and/or Math Tutor
- Media Center, Cafeteria, or Playground Volunteer
- Special Events Support
- Evening Homework Help Volunteer/K-12 Tutor

Learn more at www.edenpr.org/Volunteer.

It's time to register for 2020-21

Kindergarten



Will your child be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020?
If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Why do families love Eden Prairie Schools?

- **Low class sizes** – Eden Prairie Schools is committed to low class sizes and is among the lowest average kindergarten and 1st grade class sizes in the west metro.
- **High parent approval ratings** – Our outstanding teaching staff has a 97% approval rate among parents.
- **Spanish immersion** – A comprehensive Spanish immersion elementary school is a choice for your child to receive a high-quality bilingual education.
- **A+ Rating** – Eden Prairie Schools received the highest possible rating of “A+” from *Niche.com*.

How can I register?

Visit edenpr.org/kindergarten to see our registration checklist and view options for submitting your child's registration.

Join us in January

Our Kindergarten Registration Nights are a chance for parents/guardians to get help with registration, turn in forms, tour the building and hear from current parents at your child's school. Find your neighborhood elementary school at edenpr.org/school-locator and join us at one of the events listed below. **All events begin at 6 p.m.**

Cedar Ridge: Jan. 13
Forest Hills: Jan. 21

Eagle Heights: Jan. 16
Oak Point: Jan. 23

Eden Lake: Jan 14
Prairie View: Jan. 28



EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
Inspiring each student every day



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Community Education

EAGLE ZONE

School Age Care Program

**Eagle Zone
Full-day Summer
Program!**

**Summer Program
Registration opens
Feb. 7, 2020**

- Available for grades K-6, including students who are entering kindergarten in the fall of 2020, and students who complete 6th grade this academic year.
- Full-day programming from 6:15 AM–6:00 PM
- Choice-based program that allows your child to explore activities based on their interests
- Field trips and special events included on a weekly basis
- Highly qualified, trained staff with a passion for working with youth

www.edenpr.org/EagleZone

EPIC SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 22–AUGUST 10, 2020 ➔ **[FOR AGES 4-16]**

EPIC camps run all summer long for youth ages 4-16, with over 300 camps to choose from!

- * **FUN FOR KIDS** With more classes being offered this year and eight weeks of programming, your child is sure to find something they are interested in.
- * **FLEXIBLE FOR FAMILIES** Summer camps are scheduled Monday-Thursday with half-day and full-day options. Drop off times start at 8:00 AM and pick up by 5:00 PM.
- * **AFFORDABLE** We offer a wide variety of classes and prices to fit your family's needs. Fee assistance and payment plans are available. Call 952-975-6940 to learn more.
- * **TARGETED** Students who have been referred by their teacher for Targeted Services are invited to participate in select camps at no cost throughout the summer. Academic and social-emotional goals are an important component of these camps.

**2020 SUMMER
REGISTRATION
OPENS
FEBRUARY 19!**



WWW.EDENPR.ORG/EPIC

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)

You are your child’s first and most important teacher! Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes help you be the best parent you can be. ECFE classes are designed for you and your child, age birth to five. ECFE is unique to Minnesota and is a program of Eden Prairie Schools Community Education.

It is never too early to start stimulating your baby’s mind in ways that promote healthy development and build on your relationship with your child. Our staff will show you ways to nurture your child’s development physically, emotionally, and mentally. We have an inspiring curriculum that offers opportunities for you to learn with your child. There is also time for parent-only discussions where you will find answers to questions and meet other parents.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2020-2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:15-10:45 AM	8:30-10 AM	9:15-10:45 AM		9:15-10:45 AM	
		Small Wonders *			
Tiny Explorers	Early Eagles*	Tiny Explorers *		Tiny Explorers	
Movers and Shakers		Movers and Shakers*		Movers and Shakers	
Little Learners					
11 AM-12:30 PM	10:15-11:45 AM	11 AM-12:30 PM	10:15-11:45 AM		9:30-11:30 AM
	Small Wonders*		Small Wonders*		Daddy and Me*
Tiny Explorers	Tiny Explorers		Tiny Explorers *		
Movers and Shakers	Movers and Shakers		Movers and Shakers*		
	5:30-7:00 PM		5:30-7:00 PM		
	Tiny Explorers		Small Wonders*		
	Movers and Shakers		Tiny Explorers *		
	Little Learners*		Movers and Shakers*		

KEY Age by Sept. 1, 2020

- Less than 1 year
- 1 Year
- 2 Year
- 3-4 Year
- Birth-5 Year

* Indicates a 10-week class

ECFE classes are held at the Education Center at 8040 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

Classes run September through May.

10-Week Classes run September–November, December–February, and February–May.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT A TYPICAL ECFE CLASS?

Parent-Child Activity: Time for you and your child to learn and play together, with songs, stories, and developmentally appropriate activities you can do at home.

Parent Discussion: Spend time with other parents discussing the joys and challenges of parenting while learning effective, research-based parenting strategies. A licensed parent educator will guide the discussion and share information about child development.

Children's Learning Time: In classes where children and parents separate for the parent discussion, children will stay with licensed early childhood teachers. Children will learn social-emotional skills while playing and learning with other children.

WANT TO TRY AN ECFE BABY CLASS FOR FREE?

Welcome babies! Give your baby a strong start. These classes are for newborn through 12 month babies and their significant caregivers: mom, dad, grandparents, etc. Meet new friends and enjoy bonding time with your baby!

- **Baby Story Time**
- **Infant Massage**
- **Parent and Baby Yoga**
- **Baby Sign Language**
- **Baby Play and Parent Learning**

These baby classes are offered free of charge, but pre-registration is requested. A variety of dates and times are offered throughout the year. Visit us online to learn more and register!



Do You Have a New Baby? Congratulations!

Eden Prairie Community Education has a variety of options for your family.

- Free welcome packet
- Free baby classes
- ECFE Baby classes
- Free in-home 'Helping Us Grow' visits

Email us at ComEd@edenpr.org or call 952-975-6940 to learn more!



ARE YOU IN THE SCHOOL CENSUS?

Being in the census database ensures you will receive ECFE, screening and kindergarten information when your child is eligible. Call 952-975-6940 or email ComEd@edenpr.org if you recently had a new baby, moved to a new address, or did not receive this catalog in the mail.

ECFE FAQs

When do ECFE classes start and end?

School Year-long Classes begin on Sept. 3 and run through May 7. This aligns with the school district calendar for non-school days. Registrations are accepted year round based on availability and fees are pro-rated.

10-Week Sessions are scheduled in three segments though the school year. They align with the school district calendar for non-school days. There are new 10-week classes that start in September, December, and February.

What is the difference between 10-week and school year-long classes?

ECFE classes run in two separate schedules to give your family flexibility. The school year-long schedule allows the same group of families to stay together for the full school year. The 10-week schedule allows increased flexibility for your calendar. Both the 10-week and school year-long classes will cover similar topics and lessons.

Can I take more than one 10-week class? Yes, you can sign up for one or all three in a school year. Class content and topics will vary based on class attendees. Please note, some content may repeat.

What is the difference between a non-separating, gradual separating, and separating class?

In a non-separating class, parents stay with their children for the entire class. In gradual separating, there is a transition from parent/child time to separate time over the course of the class. Our separating classes include some parent discussion time held in a separate room.

Where are classes held? All ECFE classes (except Preschool Sampler) are held at the Education Center at 8040 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie.

What resources are available for children with special needs?

Early Childhood and Family Education classes are inclusive of all children and families. Our program staff have strong collaborations with Early Childhood Special Education and work together as a team, including parents, to best meet the learning and developmental needs of all children in our classes.

How much do ECFE classes cost? The cost of classes are based on the sliding fee scale below. They are designed to be affordable for all families to attend.

Sliding Fee Scale for ECFE Classes

Yearly Household Income	10-Week Class Fee	Year-Long Class Fee	Sib Care 10-Week Class Fee	Sib Care Year-Long Class Fee
\$100,000 and Above	\$143	\$429	\$69	\$207
\$75,000-\$99,999	\$123	\$369	\$59	\$177
\$50,000-\$74,999	\$103	\$309	\$49	\$147
\$25,000-\$49,999	\$83	\$249	\$39	\$117
Under \$25,000	\$43	\$129	\$19	\$57

What if I have other children who need care during class (i.e. Sibling Care)?

Care is available for siblings of children registered in ECFE classes. Babies through 5-year-olds grow by leaps and bounds in our child centered sibling care classrooms. Staff provide a flexible, fun learning environment which includes a theme-based curriculum explored through games, songs, art activities, and child-directed play.

Our experienced staff provide a safe, secure environment for your child that includes:

- Gentle, loving care
- Sleeping room for napping
- Feeding and diapering per parent request

Registration is required; fees are listed on the sliding fee scale below.



ECFE classes are priced on a sliding fee scale based on your household income. Payment for 10-week classes are made in full at time of registration. For year-long classes, payment is charged on August 30, November 22, and February 21.

Small Wonders

Less than 1 yr. (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Enjoy this relaxing, informative class for children who are less than one year old. This class is designed to be your time to slow down, enjoy your little one and develop a supportive network with other parents. Parents and children enjoy songs, puppets, musical instruments and other fun activities in our bright and baby-safe classroom. A knowledgeable parent educator will lead interactive discussions on feeding, sleeping, safety, brain development, balancing your life as a new parent and more. *Non-Separating. Cost: See sliding fee scale on page 8.*

10 Weeks (Sept.–Nov. *)

#1202-01	Tuesdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1202-02	Wednesdays	9:15–10:45 AM
#1202-03	Thursdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1202-04	Thursdays	5:30–7:00 PM

*New 10-week sessions start in September, December, and February. Sign up for one or all three!

Tiny Explorers

Age 1 yr. (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Toddlers grow, change and try new things at a rapid pace. Join this class where eager students turn a whirl of activity into learning that inspires confidence. You will learn songs, games, stories and activities to extend your child's learning at home. There will be parent discussion time to explore what is behind your toddler's endless energy and enthusiasm. *Child-Led Separation.*

The curriculum covered will have some repetition from prior 10-week sessions and will focus on each child/family's needs. *Cost: See sliding fee scale on page 8.*

School Year-long

#1203-01	Mondays	9:15–10:45 AM
#1203-02	Mondays	11:00 AM–12:30 PM
#1203-04	Tuesdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1203-05	Tuesdays	5:30–7:00 PM
#1203-06	Fridays	9:15–10:45 AM

10 Weeks (Sept.–Nov. *)

#1203-07	Wednesdays	9:15–10:45 AM
#1203-08	Thursdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1203-09	Thursdays	5:30–7:00 PM

*New 10-week sessions start in September, December, and February. Sign up for one or all three!

Little Learners

Age 3 to 4 yr. (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Three and four year olds are excited to explore the world and meet new friends! The preschool years are full of discovery, but can also be a parenting challenge. Your child will build positive self esteem, confidence, and independence while they are in the classroom. Parents will learn more strategies for successful and effective parenting. *Separating. Cost: See sliding fee scale on page 8.*

School Year-long

1208-01	Mondays	9:15–10:45 AM
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10 Weeks (Sept.–Nov. *)

1208-02	Tuesdays	5:30–7:00 PM
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*New 10-week sessions start in September, December, and February. Sign up for one or all three!

Movers and Shakers

Age 2 yr. (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Two year olds use experimentation to help interpret their world. Join this class and watch your child explore every learning opportunity with curiosity and passion. Children will practice social skills such as taking turns, listening to the teacher and following in line while experiencing a fun and loving classroom environment. Parents will meet and discuss topics like healthy eating habits, toilet training and how to set limits with love. Enjoy parent/child time including songs, activities and games that will help your child thrive in every way. Relax and enjoy the parent support and discussion time while building a network of friends for your child and family. *Separating.*

*Please note that 10-week classes may not separate. Separation is not our first priority due to the variety of experience and age range of the children. The curriculum covered will have some repetition from prior 10-week sessions and will focus on each child/family's needs. *Cost: See sliding fee scale on page 8.*

School Year-long

#1204-01	Mondays	9:15–10:45 AM
#1204-02	Mondays	11:00–12:30 PM
#1204-04	Tuesdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1204-05	Tuesdays	5:30–7:00 PM
#1204-06	Fridays	9:15–10:45 AM

10 Weeks (Sept.–Nov. *)

#1204-07	Wednesdays	9:15–10:45 AM
#1204-08	Thursdays	10:15–11:45 AM
#1204-09	Thursdays	5:30–7:00 PM

*New 10-week sessions start in September, December, and February. Sign up for one or all three!

Managing Multiples

Birth-5 Years (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Are you the parents of twins, triplets, or more? Join this once a month multiples class for support from other parents of multiples, parent education, and play time for the children. Sign up for one or all the classes, \$15 per class.

Register only one child for this class and the remaining children birth to 5 are free!

#1214-01	Friday, Sept. 18	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-02	Friday, Oct. 23	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-03	Friday, Nov. 13	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-04	Friday, Dec. 11	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-05	Friday, Jan. 15	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-06	Friday, Feb. 19	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-07	Friday, Mar. 12	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-08	Friday, April 9	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
#1214-09	Friday, May 7	11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Daddy and Me

Birth-5 Years (by Sept. 1, 2020)

This class provides time for interactions between dad and child or children. Boost your parent bond through planned activities, circle time, music, gym time and more. Relax and enjoy the parent discussion time while building a network of friends for your child and family. Register only one child for this class and the remaining children birth to 5 are free! There are two available sessions, sign up for one or both. *Cost: See Sliding Fee Scale on pg. 8*

10 Weeks (Sept. - Nov.)

#1213-01 Saturdays 9:30-11:30 AM

10 Weeks (Feb.-April)

#1213-02 Saturdays 9:30-11:30 AM

Preschool Sampler

Age 3 by the Start of Class

This class is designed for the children to ease into the world of preschool. Children will "practice" preschool during this drop-off class. Students will strengthen their independence and will be ready to soar as a Little Eagle into preschool!

Preschool Sampler is held at the Lower Campus.

(Beginning October 20-21, 2020)

#1206-01 Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 AM

#1206-02 Tue/Thu 9:00-11:30 AM

(Beginning February 9-10, 2021)

#1206-03 Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 AM

#1206-04 Tue/Thu 9:00-11:30 AM

1-Day Cost: \$209

2-Day Cost: \$409

NEW! Early Eagles

Mixed-age 0-5 Years (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Children at different levels of development and varying ages learn from one another as they play, interact and develop skills. In this non-separating class, activities are designed for fun and learning under the guidance of a licensed early childhood teacher. While children develop their social, emotional, physical and cognitive skills, parents consult with a licensed parent educator for ideas of how to facilitate and navigate developmental joys and challenges.

10 Weeks (Sept. - Nov.)

#1209-01 Tuesdays 8:30-10:00 AM

Looking to connect with other parents?

Want to have more time for social-emotional development for your child?

Come and Play

Birth-5 Years (by Sept. 1, 2020)

Explore, create, and discover fun and friends! Time in the classroom and gym will provide opportunity for socialization and purposeful play.

#1212-01 Thursday, Sept. 12 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-02 Thursday, Oct. 10 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-03 Thursday, Nov. 14 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-04 Thursday, Dec. 12 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-05 Thursday, Jan. 9 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-06 Thursday, Feb. 13 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-07 Thursday, Mar. 12 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-08 Thursday, April 9 9:00-10:00 AM

#1212-09 Thursday, May 7 9:00-10:00 AM

Education Center, Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$5 per child or \$10 per family

Preregistration is required.

Open to all families.



PARENT RESOURCES

Do you have questions about tantrums, sibling relationships, bedtime routines, healthy eating, or developmental milestones?

Schedule a confidential one-on-one consultation with an experienced parent educator who will connect with you by phone, email, at home, or at one of our locations. This consultation is free to all Eden Prairie families with children ages birth through 5 years old. Parents of a K-12 child may also request a consultation for a \$35 per hour fee.

Call 952-975-6940 or email ComEd@edenpr.org to learn more and schedule your free appointment.



(Pictured from left to right) Karen Linscott, klinscott@edenpr.org | Charmayne Sletten, csletten@edenpr.org | Stephanie Henderickson, shendrickson@edenpr.org | Kathy Matthews, kmatthews@edenpr.org

Parent Networks

Invite 6-12 of your friends to your home for an hour-long personalized parent education session. Together with early childhood professionals, you will choose a date, time and topic for your group. Staff will bring materials and facilitate a discussion.

Fee is \$100 per session. Call 952-975-6940 to schedule a session.

Parenting on the Prairie Podcast

Looking for resources on the go? Check out **Parenting on the Prairie**, a new podcast from our Parent Educators! Each episode offers insight, guidance, and resources on a variety of parenting topics available to stream at your convenience.

To listen, create a free account with [SoundCloud.com](https://www.soundcloud.com), and search *Parenting on the Prairie*!

Eden Prairie Schools Early Childhood Programs on Facebook

To see what's happening in our Early Childhood programs and check out recommended articles and resources, be sure to follow *Eden Prairie Schools Early Childhood Programs* on Facebook!

ECFE OUTREACH CLASSES—FREE!

Early Childhood Family Education is a wonderful resource for Eden Prairie families. Finances or transportation should not be a barrier for families interested in learning more about how to best support your child's growth and development. In an effort to make ECFE classes available to all families, we host outreach classes that are taught in the community.

PRESERVE OUTREACH

#1224 Preserve (Priority to Residents)
Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00 AM
The Preserve
11221 Anderson Lakes Pkwy.
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

FOUNTAIN PLACE

#1224 Fountain (Residents Only)
Thursdays, 1:00–2:30 PM
Fountain Place Apartments
8564 Magnolia Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Classes are held throughout the school year. A detailed schedule is available at class. Pre-registration is requested. Additional outreach locations may be added throughout the year. Check our website to learn more! Register for free online at www.edenpr.org/epcommunityed or call **952-975-6940**.

BRIAR HILL OUTREACH

#1224 Briar Hill (Residents Only)
Mondays, 1:00–2:30 PM
Briar Hill Apartments
7025 Woodland Dr.
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

CASCADE

#1224 Cascade / Renew (Residents Only)
Wednesdays, 1:00–2:30 PM
12100 Singletree Lane
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

Community Education is working to bring a Family Literacy program to Eden Prairie! The schedule will include adult English classes as well as Early Childhood and Family Education and preschool-age programming. See page 18 or visit our website at www.edenpr.org/FamilyLit to see specific details about the program. We will post information there as soon as it becomes available.

LITTLE EAGLES PRESCHOOL

WHY CHOOSE LITTLE EAGLES PRESCHOOL?

Little Eagles Preschool is a program of Eden Prairie Schools Community Education and provides an innovative classroom where creativity and imagination soar! Our diverse classrooms help students discover a love for learning in an interactive and academically rich environment. Your child will be immersed in a stimulating learning environment filled with fun, challenging, and creative learning activities! Join us to get a jump-start on kindergarten readiness.

There are many preschool options available to families in Eden Prairie, but Little Eagles Preschool program is the only one that aligns with Eden Prairie Schools K-12 curriculum and the overall K-12 system. We work closely with Early Childhood Special Education and kindergarten teachers to foster a successful transition from preschool to kindergarten.

Curriculum Focused on Personalized Learning

At Eden Prairie Schools, our mission is to inspire each student every day. Our preschool is designed to create excitement around education and provide a foundation for lifelong learning. We use Creative Curriculum, which is a balanced approach of all social-emotional and academic areas. We focus on personalized learning for your child. Lessons are designed around your child's skills to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. Throughout the school year, staff conduct assessments using the whole child approach utilizing the Teaching Strategies GOLD observation based assessment tool.

Preschool Dates

The preschool calendar aligns with the school district with classes being held August 31, 2020–May 28, 2021. The calendar is available online at: www.edenpr.org/EarlyChildhood. On most days when school is not in session, we will have non-school day opportunities (for Full-day Preschool).

WHAT MAKES OUR PROGRAM GREAT?

- ✳ We have **HIGHLY TRAINED STAFF** who participate in continuous professional development training through the Eden Prairie School District.
- ✳ We **INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY** into the classroom. Teachers and students use SMART Boards and iPads, which have been proven to support learning.
- ✳ We use **CREATIVE CURRICULUM** to deliver a curriculum rich in math, reading, science, and art geared for kindergarten success and aligned with the K-12 system.
- ✳ We **PERSONALIZE LEARNING** and provide **NURTURING SUPPORT** for your child.
- ✳ We are **INCLUSIVE** and specifically designed to bring together typically developing children and those with special needs to learn and grow together. Staffing patterns are determined by the individual needs of each classroom.
- ✳ We provide **PARENT EDUCATION** and **CONNECTION RESOURCES** throughout the year including Parent Days that include parent/child activities as well as a facilitated discussion lead by licensed parent educators.
- ✳ We include an **INTRODUCTION TO THE SPANISH LANGUAGE**. Weekly lessons use a curriculum based on the monthly English themes and skills.
- ✳ **KINDERGARTEN READINESS** information and Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment data is shared with EPS elementary schools to help ensure a **SMOOTH TRANSITION**.

WHAT ARE YOUR PRESCHOOL OPTIONS?

SELECT YOUR CLASSES BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE BY SEPT. 1, 2020.

Families love our flexible options! Choose from 3 to 5 days per week. You can add non-school days and summer programming, too. Need more flexibility? Our full-day preschool extends learning and care times from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.



Location	Lower Campus Half-Day Preschool	Cedar Ridge Half-Day Preschool	Education Center Full-Day Preschool	5 K-Prep at Cedar Ridge Full-Day Preschool
Time(s)	9:30 AM–12:00 PM 1:00–3:30 PM	10:15 AM–1:15 PM	6:30 AM–6:00 PM	6:30 AM–6:00 PM
Extended Day	3:30–6:00 PM	Not available.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Days	M/W/F T/TH/F M/T/W/TH M/T/W/TH/F	M/T/W/TH/F	M/T/W/TH/F	M/T/W/TH/F
Cost	3 days \$249/month 4 days \$319/month 5 days \$399/month	\$479/month	\$62/day	\$62/day
Meals and Snacks	Children bring their own snack.	School lunch is available for purchase.	A snack is provided. School lunch is available for purchase.	A snack is provided. School lunch is available for purchase.
Bus Transportation	May be available based on qualifying factors.	Available for children living within the Eden Prairie School District.	Not available.	Not available.
Ages	3–5 year olds	4–5 year olds	3–5 year olds	5 year olds
Registration Notes	Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.	Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.	Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.	Children must be age 5 by Sept. 30 to be eligible.

PRESCHOOL DATES

The preschool calendar aligns with the school district with classes being held Aug. 31, 2020–May 28, 2021. The calendar is available on line at www.edenpr.org/EarlyChildhood. For full-day preschool, we will have non-school day opportunities for your child to register for.



Our program is rated with the Parent Aware highest rating of four stars!

HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL

SELECT YOUR CLASSES BASED ON YOUR CHILD'S AGE BY SEPT. 1, 2020.

3s PRESCHOOL AT LOWER CAMPUS

Give your child an introduction to school through Little Eagles half-day preschool program. Our developmentally appropriate program supports your learner with personalized instruction and a strong focus on social and emotional development.

3 Year Old Section Options

DAYS	TIME	COST PER MONTH
M/W/F	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	\$249
M/W/F	1:00-3:30 PM	\$249
T/TH/F	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	\$249

3 and 4 Year Old Section Options

DAYS	TIME	COST PER MONTH
M/T/W/TH	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	\$319
M/T/W/TH	1:00-3:30 PM	\$319
M/T/W/TH/F	9:30 AM-12:00 PM	\$399
M/T/W/TH/F	1:00-3:30 PM	\$399

4s PRESCHOOL AT CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Families can expect children in Little Eagles Preschool at Cedar Ridge to experience the same interactive, stimulating, and academically rich programming that you have become accustomed to, with the added bonus of 30 additional minutes than a typical half-day program.

Students get to practice for kindergarten by having lunch as a part of their preschool day. You have the option of bringing a lunch from home or purchasing a school lunch for an additional fee. We have dedicated preschool transportation to and from school for children living within the Eden Prairie School district boundary.

DAYS	TIME	COST PER MONTH
M/T/W/TH/F	10:15 AM-1:15 PM	\$479

* EXTENDED DAY AT LOWER CAMPUS

Expand your child's Little Eagles Preschool experience at Lower Campus through our extended day option. Our skilled staff will provide additional enriching activities and individualized instruction through structured play. Extended day is available after your child's afternoon preschool class from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Create your own custom schedule! Choose anywhere from 1 to 5 consistent days per week.

1 day/week = \$50 per month 4 days/week = \$170 per month
 2 days/week = \$90 per month 5 days/week = \$210 per month
 3 days/week = \$130 per month

**DON'T MISS
THE EARLY EAGLE
DEADLINE!**

Register for preschool
by Feb. 1, 2020 to receive
a \$50 credit on your
first payment.

SCHEDULE A TOUR

We would love to meet you and show you how your child will grow and thrive with Little Eagles Preschool. Set up a tour to explore our classrooms, meet our teachers and learn about our programs.

Call or email to schedule your personalized tour!

952-975-6940
ComEd@edenpr.org

EXAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

- Free choice time with teacher (includes dramatic play, writing and listening center)
- Gym/motor room or outside activities
- Snacks/lunch
- Large group activity
- Music and movement
- Small group activities: literacy and writing
- Read aloud and vocabulary
- Large group activity
- Rest/nap and quiet time activity
- Free choice and art
- Large group Smart Board activity
- Snack and reading
- Small group activities: math, science, and sensory
- Outside activities
- Story time
- Gym and free choice

Are you **READY!** for Kindergarten?

You're Invited to join us for **READY! For Kindergarten**. Learn the skills to help your child succeed + receive **FREE** learning tools!

- JOIN US!**
- * Fall Session: Sat., Oct. 10, 2020
 - * Winter Session: Sat., Jan. 23, 2021
 - * Spring Session: Sat., April 24, 2021
- 9:30-11:30 AM, Education Center

Each session provides different focus areas and toys.
SIGN UP FOR ALL THREE TO MAXIMIZE LEARNING!



Designed for families with children age 3 to 5.5 years old, **READY!** for Kindergarten is a nationally recognized program shown to give parents and caregivers the skills and tools to help children enter kindergarten at or above grade level. This class will include training on reading, writing, and social-emotional skills children need to thrive in school. It is for parents and guardians, and taught by a licensed early childhood parent educator. **Childcare is available while parents learn about the program. Hours are 9:30-12:00.**

Every family who attends a **READY!** for Kindergarten session receives a high-quality collection of toys (learning tools) to further children's progress towards school readiness.

Yearly Household Income	READY!
\$40,001 and Above	\$65
\$0-\$40,000	FREE

READY! for Kindergarten is part of our ECFE program for which classes are priced on a sliding fee scale based on your household income. Payment is made in full at time of registration.

REGISTER Call 952-975-6940 or visit www.edenpr.org/READY



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WHY CHOOSE FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL?

Full-day Preschool provides daily developmentally appropriate experiences for children. Academics are embedded in programming throughout the day with both morning and afternoon structured learning. We believe in the importance of play! Preschoolers learn through exploration, dramatic play, and creative expression.

Each classroom is capped at 20 students. There is one teacher and two paras in each classroom. All of our full-day preschool teachers are Early Childhood licensed and CPR and First Aid Certified.

No matter what classroom your child is in, they will find a similar environment with the same learning areas included. Each has a smartboard with a large group area, block area, creative arts area, dramatic play area, sensory table and a reading nook. They also have a writing center and a science exploration area.

It is appropriate for children at this age to engage in large motor activities on a regular basis, so our students visit the motor room and/or outdoor playground at least twice a day. Our indoor motor room is unique to the Education Center and provides a great indoor play place for students to move their bodies year round. With a variety of climbing and tumbling mats, tricycles, balls and basketball hoops, students are sure to burn off their excess energy doing what they love.

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- Large group activity
- Rest/nap and quiet time activity
- Free choice and art
- Large group Smart Board activity
- Snack and reading
- Small group activities: math, science, and sensory
- Outside activities
- Story time
- Gym and free choice



FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL, AGES 3-5

Looking for a quality preschool, but need flexibility? Our full-day preschool offers traditional preschool curriculum along with full-day programming that extends preschool learning throughout the day. Attend Little Eagles Preschool for a full day of learning and fun!

Students will start and end their day in our wrap around care lead by skilled staff where your child will engage in enriching activities and individualized instruction play. They will have an opportunity to learn and play with fellow classmates as well as positive role models within the school. The core of your child's day will be with their classroom teacher and other skilled staff to guide your child through educational, fun activities as they prepare for Kindergarten in their assigned classroom.

The district food service provides an optional lunch to families interested in purchasing one for their child. You'll receive a menu each month so you can plan ahead for your family. Students eat in the Garden Room cafeteria-style to help better prepare them for lunch at the elementary school. We also have two snack times a day, one we provide and the other we ask you to send along with a water bottle.

DAYS	M/T/W/TH/F
DATES	Aug. 31, 2020– May 28, 2021
OPEN TIMES	6:30 AM–6:00 PM
COST	\$62/Day
AGE	For children ages 3–5
LOCATION	Education Center 8040 Mitchell Road

5K PREP FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL, AGE 5

5K Prep is specifically designed to meet the needs of students who are just missing the cut-off to kindergarten, or need another year of preschool prior to heading off to kindergarten. Students will have the opportunity to grow and develop skills to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. We focus on social-emotional learning and personalize instruction to challenge each child to their full potential and be successful in kindergarten: Attending 5K Prep will ensure a smooth transition for your little learner! Children must be age 5 by Sept. 30 to register. Prior childcare or preschool experience preferred.

Students will start and end their day in our Eagle Zone school age care program at Cedar Ridge Elementary School. They will have an opportunity to learn and play with fellow classmates as well as positive role models within the school. The core of your child's day will be with their classroom teacher and other skilled staff to guide your child through educational, fun activities as they prepare for Kindergarten in their assigned classroom.

Classroom teachers will transition students from Eagle Zone to the classroom where they will begin their day with a morning meeting. Their morning will consist of small group and large group instruction, free choice time, world language, and social-emotional learning.

Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria with half-day preschoolers and Cedar Ridge kindergarteners. Lunch will be available for purchase. The afternoon includes a visit to the school's playground, a quiet rest time, and a visit to the school's media center. Afternoon snack will be provided.

DAYS	M/T/W/TH/F
DATES	Aug. 31, 2020– May 28, 2021
OPEN TIMES	6:30 AM–6:00 PM
COST	\$62/Day
AGE	For children age 5 by Sept. 30, 2020
LOCATION	Cedar Ridge 8905 Braxton Drive

NON-SCHOOL DAYS FOR FULL-DAY STUDENTS

Looking for an exciting option for your child when school is not in session? Little Eagles Preschool follows the district school-year calendar. Days when the district is not in session, we do not have classes, but your child can sign up for non-school day activities. The non school day hours are 6:30 AM–6:00 PM at a cost of \$62 per day.

Our non-school days are fun-filled, themed days including special in-house activities and occasional field trips. We want these days to be fun for the kids as it's their day off as well.

Once registered, you will receive a calendar, so you know when all of the non-school days are held. You will also receive monthly emails with upcoming non-school day details along with registration deadlines.

Refunds for cancellations are not available once the registration deadline has passed.

FAMILY SCHOOL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Escuela Familiar, Clases de Inglés como Segundo Idioma // Dugsiga Qoyska ee Dadka Barta Afka Ingiriisiga

Learn English while your children attend preschool or early childhood programming! Our Family School program includes free adult English classes and childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years alongside afternoon Little Eagles Preschool.

Family School takes place at the Lower Campus Preschool building from 1:00pm-3:15pm; specific days of the week depend on English test scores. Regular attendance is expected.

Families register separately for adult classes, childcare (infant and toddler class), and preschool. Adult classes and childcare are free; fee assistance or scholarships may be available for preschool. Transportation to and from preschool for children ages 3 and 4 is available for eligible families on a first-come, first-serve basis (spots will fill quickly, so register early).

To register for Family School, adults should enroll in an open section of the "Family School Testing and Registration" course on Eleyo (edenprairie.ce.eleyo.com) and follow the instructions for completing testing requirements and registering preschool-aged children or infants and toddlers afterwards. Acceptance into Family School is based on preschool space availability and English test scores.

For more information, visit www.edenpr.org/FamilyLit or contact Lydia Nelson at 952-975-6968.



¡Aprenda inglés mientras sus hijos asisten a programas de Preescolar o Early Childhood (primera infancia)! Nuestra Family School (escuela familiar) ofrece clases gratuitas de Inglés para adultos y cuidado de niños para niños de 6 semanas a 3 años por la tarde, durante el Preescolar Little Eagles.

Las clases de Inglés para adultos, Preescolar para niños de 3 y 4 años, y un aula para bebés y niños pequeños se ofrecen en el Lower Campus (campus inferior), comenzando en septiembre y terminando en mayo. Family School se lleva a cabo de 1:00 pm a 3:15 pm; Los días específicos de la semana para el año escolar 2020-2021 dependerán de los puntajes de sus exámenes de Inglés. Se espera asistencia regular.

Para inscribirse en Family School, los adultos deben inscribirse en una sección abierta del curso "Family School Testing and Registration" en Eleyo (edenprairie.ce.eleyo.com), seguir las instrucciones para completar los requisitos de las pruebas y registrar a los niños en edad Preescolar o bebés y niños pequeños después. La aceptación en la escuela familiar se basa en la disponibilidad de espacio Preescolar y en los puntajes de los exámenes de Inglés.

Para obtener más información, visite www.edenpr.org/FamilyLit o comuníquese con Lydia Nelson al 952-975-6968.

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LITTLE EAGLES SUMMER CAMP, AGES 3-4

Looking for a full-day summer option for your preschooler? Join us for a fun, enriching summer at Lower Campus!

While on site, students will have the opportunity to engage in stations based on their interests. With a variety of stations in science, art, and movement, they'll have multiple choices to engage in what interests them!

Field trips are included! There will be a minimum of one field trip each week with additional on-site special activities. This summer we'll be visiting Central Park + Interactive Fountains, Playground Plaza, and Brookview Backyard just to name a few!

- Summer session, will begin on June 15, 2020 and be offered through August 19, 2020.
- Hours are 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.
- Located at Lower Campus.
- Must be at least 3 years old by January 1, 2020.
- Cost is \$67 per day for 3-4 days a week schedule and \$62 per day for 5 days a week.
- A consistent schedule is required (i.e., same days of the week all summer).
- Bring your own lunch, along with a morning snack and water bottle. Afternoon snack is provided.
- Registration fee is \$100 to reserve your spot.
- All current school year tuition balances must be paid before attending summer programming.
- Summer registration closes May 1, 2020.
- Add-on drop-in dates can be added if space is available. Cost is \$72 per day and must be requested at least 3 days prior to care.



Registration opens for Summer 2020 and 2020-21 School Year on January 28, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

Early Eagle Deadline for School Year 2020-21 (to receive \$50 to your first month's bill) is February 1, 2020.

Summer registration closes on May 1, 2020.



Ready for an EPIC summer?

We have summer youth program options for ages 4+ through Community Education's EPIC program. The program is designed to be flexible and meet your family's needs! Find more information online at www.edenpr.org/EPIC.

PRESCHOOL FAQs

Can I take a tour?

Yes! Call 952-975-6940 or email ComEd@edenpr.org to make an appointment to view the school and learn more about Little Eagles Preschool.

Preschool classes are held at:

HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL

Lower Campus - 8100 School Road, Door #1B
Cedar Ridge Elementary - 8905 Braxton Drive

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL

Education Center - 8040 Mitchell Road

What options are available for parent involvement in preschool?

All Little Eagles Preschool classes have opportunities for parents to be actively involved by volunteering, participating in field trips, and attending the parent days. Parent days are offered during the year. These days are a unique opportunity for you to see your child's class in action and also to network and learn with other parents.

Why are there no two-day preschool options?

Best practices show preschool has the biggest impact when children attend for four and five days; so, we have added more four- and five-day preschool options for both three and four-year-olds. There are lasting benefits from quality preschool education; more hours in the preschool classroom now will help them be better prepared for full-day kindergarten.

Is transportation available?

Lower Campus: Busing may be available for half-day preschool based on qualifying factors.

Cedar Ridge: For half-day preschool, busing is available for all children living within the Eden Prairie School District boundary.

Are special education resources available?

Eden Prairie Schools Community Education works with children of all abilities. Our staff work with enrolled families to provide reasonable accommodations as needed for each child. The goal for all children is to have independent, meaningful participation in the program. All children participating in programming must consistently demonstrate the ability to follow adult direction, show readiness for large group activities, including the ability to remain with the group, and follow safety rules.

Children need to meet state eligibility criteria in order to receive Early Childhood Special Education services. Questions and concerns regarding your child's development are welcomed. For additional information, contact the Early Childhood Special Education Office at 952-975-6979.

Does my child need to be toilet trained?

Children should be potty trained or must be actively potty training before entering preschool meaning they have:

- the ability to identify and verbalize the urge to use the restroom in a timely manner
- the ability to manage all self-help/toileting skills independently
- the ability to manage their preschool day including rest time without a pull-up

We are aware that it is developmentally appropriate for children of this age to have accidents from time to time. In the event that your child needs additional support through toilet training, classroom staff and Parent Educator will work with you and your child.

What if my child wasn't 3 by Sept. 1, 2020? Are there other preschool options for them?

Our ECFE program has an option for children who will turn 3 during the school year.

PRESCHOOL SAMPLER

This class is designed for the children to ease into the world of preschool. Children will "practice" preschool during this drop-off class. Students will strengthen their independence and will be ready to soar as a Little Eagle into preschool! **Preschool Sampler is held at the Lower Campus.**

(Beginning October 20–21, 2020)

#1206-01 Wednesdays 9:00–11:30 AM

#1206-02 Tue/Thu 9:00–11:30 AM

(Beginning February 9–10, 2021)

#1206-03 Wednesdays 9:00–11:30 AM

#1206-04 Tue/Thu 9:00–11:30 AM

1-Day Cost: \$179, 2-Day Cost: \$359

Is fee assistance available?

For half-day preschool, fee assistance is available based on financial need or family factors. As you register online, you will be asked a series of questions to indicate if financial assistance is needed.

What if I need a year-round preschool option for my child?

We have summer youth program options for ages 4+ through Community Education's EPIC program. The program is designed to be flexible and meet your family's needs!

Little Eagles Summer Camp is also available. Registration opens in January.

What if I have more questions?

Please contact us by phone, email or stop by our office with any questions you may have!

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HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR CHILD'S EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING? SCHEDULE TODAY!



Join us at Early Childhood Screening as soon as your child turns 3! This is a FREE and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is a requirement of the State of Minnesota for all preschool-aged children.

WHAT AGE SHOULD MY CHILD BE SCREENED?

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5, it is time to schedule his/her Early Childhood Screening to check all areas of development including hearing, vision, speech, and motor abilities.

WHERE IS SCREENING HELD?

Screening appointments are held at the Education Center at 8040 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT?

The state of Minnesota requires that all children be screened before they enter kindergarten. Schedule your appointment today:

- Online at WWW.EDENPR.ORG/ECSCREENING
- Call **952-975-6940**

Questions? Please call or email us at ComEd@edenpr.org.

WHAT DATES ARE SCREENING APPOINTMENTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?

Screening appointments are available on various dates and times including evenings. Check our website or call to find out about a date and time that will work for your schedule.

WHAT INFORMATION IS GATHERED AT SCREENING?

Screening questions are tailored specifically to your child's age. Discover more about your child's development and learning, such as:

- Thinking, language, and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Large and small muscle coordination
- Height, weight, hearing, and vision

Early Childhood Screening is one way to support children in their early years of growth and development. It is also a way to identify children who may benefit from early childhood special services before they enter school and connects families with the appropriate resources and programs.

WHAT DOES SCREENING COST?

Early childhood screenings are FREE!

ARE INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE?

Yes! If you or your child needs interpreter assistance, please let us know when registering for your child's screening appointment.

WHAT TAKES PLACE AT A SCREENING APPOINTMENT?

The screening process looks at a number of things including the following:

- Preschool concepts
- Communication skills
- Motor skills
- Social skills



Make Your **FREE** Appointment Today WWW.EDENPR.ORG/ECSCREENING

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION

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SOMALI CULTURAL LIAISON

We are happy to share that we have additional support available for Somali speaking families participating in early childhood programs. Our Somali Cultural Liaison can assist with a variety of things like registration, teacher communication, conferences, and general program questions or concerns.

To talk to the Somali Cultural Liaison, call 952-975-7254 or visit Lower Campus at 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie.

Haddii aad ubaahan tahay caawinaad af Somali so wac 952-975-7069.

FAMILY HOME VISITING

Do you have a question about tantrums, sibling relationships, bedtime routines, or healthy eating? Do you want to talk about developmental milestones or would you like to learn more about community resources?

Our licensed parent educator staff can connect with you by phone, email, home visit, or by appointment at either of our locations at no cost to you. We offer confidential, one-on-one discussion at no cost to Eden Prairie families with children ages birth through 5 years. Email ComEd@edenpr.org or call 952-975-6940 to learn more.

FAMILY RESOURCES PROGRAM

We at Eden Prairie Schools understand that every family needs help from time to time. Our community has a committed and compassionate group of service providers and nonprofits ready and willing to support families with a variety of needs. The Community Engagement Team's Family Resources Program connects Eden Prairie students and families to resources in the community.

Our staff can answer questions about what services are provided locally and by whom, facilitate connection to other organizations, and help navigate systems and advocate for families in need.



CALL

To talk with someone about your needs, call the Family Resources Program at 952-975-7030
Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.



EMAIL

Connect with the Family Resources Specialist at family_resources@edenpr.org



SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Appointments are available by request. Contact the Family Resources Specialist at 952-975-7030 to schedule a time to meet at a location convenient to you.



VISIT US

Visit face-to-face with the Family Resources Specialist. Stop by during business hours (8:30 AM-4:00 PM) at the Education Center, located at 8040 Mitchell Rd.



ASK A QUESTION

Submit a question or request for help online at www.edenpr.org/FamilyResources.



Do you have concerns about your baby's development?

Help Me Grow provides resources for families to understand developmental milestones and learn if there are concerns. This helps families take the lead in seeking additional support or referring their child for a comprehensive, confidential screening or evaluation at no cost.

Help Me Grow is an interagency initiative of the State of Minnesota Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services. We partner with all local service agencies.

Free help is available through Help Me Grow. Call or visit their website to learn more and have your questions answered. Your baby's development can be evaluated at no cost to you.

www.HelpMeGrowMN.org
1-866-693-GROW

WHY JOIN US? Here are reasons to love Community Education, from our program participants!

Have a story to share about your Community Education experience? We'd love to hear it! Email us at ComEd@edenpr.org.



* EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)

ECFE has been great for our family! I really appreciate the support from the teachers and all the information we learn through the developmental stages. It has been great to connect with other parents in the class with kids the same age." - *Jamie, ECFE parent*



* LITTLE EAGLES PRESCHOOL

"We loved our kids having teachers skilled in creating meaningful connections with students, their ability to deliver creative curriculum in the classroom, the encouragement of family involvement, and the diversity of children and families." - *Lindsey, Little Eagles parent*



* EPIC YOUTH PROGRAMS

"There are many things we have really loved about EPIC Camps. We love the variety of educational options that are available! Our daughter likes choosing from all the available options like STEM, sports, cooking, water play, language and music! And we really appreciate that there is childcare coverage for a full day, making it a great fit for working families!" - *Kareena, EPIC parent*



* ADULT LEARNING

"Brenda is a passionate instructor with an outstanding skillset! It was an enjoyable experience, I not only learned tap dancing skills, but also had fun and gained friends though the class!"

Looking for more ways to get involved? This is just a sample of what you can find in Community Education! Here are more ways to engage: • Volunteer Program • Community Engagement Council • Early Childhood Advisory Council • Family Resources Program • Early Childhood Screening • Facility Rental



Eden Prairie Schools Volunteer Program

Enrich your life and others' by volunteering with Eden Prairie Schools! Learn more about volunteer opportunities at www.edenpr.org/Volunteer.

REGISTRATION FAQs

ECFE CLASS FEES

ECFE classes are priced on a sliding fee scale based on your household income (see page 8). Payment for 10 week classes are made in full at time of registration. For year-long classes, payment is charged in three installments on August 30, 2020, November 22, 2020, and February 21, 2021.

PRESCHOOL CLASS FEE

There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee for school-year preschool classes. There is a \$20 processing fee for classroom changes. Payments are billed on the 1st of the month from September to May.

BIRTH DATE GUIDELINES

For both ECFE and preschool classes, please select your class based on your child's age by Sept. 1, 2020. This age requirement aligns with district kindergarten age requirements.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

A copy of your child's birth certificate is required for any child participating in ECFE or preschool. They can be emailed to ComEd@edenpr.org or dropped off at the Community Education office.

IMMUNIZATION LAW

All students in Minnesota must have immunizations up-to-date and on record with the school before the child starts class. Immunization forms are available online at www.edenpr.org/earlychildhood.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO POLICY

Class participants in our programs may be photographed and filmed for marketing purposes (e.g., website, social media, catalog and flyers). If you would prefer not to have you or your child photographed or filmed please email comed@edenpr.org after registering.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ECFE

If you need to cancel, please notify us at 952-975-6940 and we will refund your tuition minus a \$10 processing fee. No refunds will be given on or after the starting date of class for ECFE. For year-long ECFE classes, refunds will not be given after class starts, but further installment payments will not be charged.

CANCELLATION POLICY FOR PRESCHOOL

Any changes to the child's schedule, including withdrawal from the program, must be given 10 business days prior to when the change is needed. If notice is not given, two weeks of tuition will be charged to the account. A \$20 processing fee is charged for all cancellations and classroom changes. No refunds are given for emergency or weather closings or for days missed due to illness or vacation. Please note, the (\$75) registration fee is non-refundable.

CANCELLED CLASSES

Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment up to one week before classes begin. Full refunds will be issued.

FEE ASSISTANCE FOR HALF-DAY PRESCHOOL

Limited tuition assistance is provided for qualifying families through the School Readiness program. To determine eligibility for assistance, families select factors that apply to their family situation during the registration process. Income will be verified to determine eligibility.

REGISTER



ONLINE

www.edenpr.org/epcommunityed



PHONE

952-975-6940

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IN PERSON

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Monday through Friday

*Para obtener información en español, contáctese con Heriberto Vargas en hvargas@edenpr.org o 952-975-7068.
Haddii aad ubaahan tahay caawinaad af Somali so wac 952-975-7069.*



REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Complete registration online or in person.
- Pay non-refundable registration fee (\$75 for Preschool/\$100 for Summer Camp).
- Submit copy of immunization form.
- Submit copy of birth certificate.

THE SIMPLEST WAY TO REGISTER IS ONLINE!

We have one convenient place to register for all Community Education programs from early childhood through adult classes! Create an account to register yourself and your family members for a class or activity. The registration site makes it easy for you to register for a class, make a payment, and manage your account all in one convenient place.

To register, please follow these easy steps:

- Go to www.edenpr.org/epcommunityed and click on "Register" in the menu bar.
- Click on "Sign In."
- If needed, then create an account and fill in your personal information.
- After this step, you will be able to add family members to your family profile. You are now ready to register online.

Computers and iPads are available at both the Education Center and Lower Campus for registration.

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