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The Northshore School District would like to share with the community information about free preschool offerings for eligible children 3-5 years old.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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Enrollment is open for Northshore School District's Early Childhood Education Programs

Bothell, Wash. – Northshore School District's Early Childhood Education Programs are now enrolling eligible children, ages 3-5, for free preschool. The preschool and kindergarten years are among the most critical in a child's life to influence learning. The Northshore School District is committed to providing the support that our youngest students need to prepare them to succeed later in school.

Multiple programs are available and free of charge to income eligible families, including the following:

Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a Washington state funded, comprehensive early learning program. ECEAP provides free services and support to eligible children and their families. ECEAP serves children who are from low-income families or who have developmental or environmental risk factors that could interfere with school success.

Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive early learning program that provides services to eligible children and their families.

The **Ready Start Program** is a comprehensive early learning program. Ready Start provides free services and support to eligible children and their families. Ready Start serves children from low-income families or who have environmental risk factors that could interfere with school success.

Eligibility to the programs is determined by child's age and family income, not the application date. Families can find out if they are eligible by calling one of Northshore's Family Support Specialists listed below or by [visiting the District website](#).

Woodmoor Elementary

Sheriece Simon: 425-408-6072

Kendra Rodriguez (Spanish): 425-408-6072

Kenmore Elementary

Stephanie Gonwa: 425-408-4829

Emily Birchman (Spanish): 425-408-4862

Sorenson Early Childhood Center

Office: 425-408-5570

Erinn Zavaglia (Spanish): 425-408-5566

Space is limited, so interested families should [complete an application](#) as soon as possible. The information on the application is confidential and used only to determine a child's eligibility for the programs. The District does not require, check or report on immigration or DSHS status.

Students who enroll in these programs will begin remotely, following [the Northshore School District's staged approach](#). They will engage in a variety of activities including whole group instruction, small group breakout sessions and more. If students need access to a device for learning or a hotspot to improve their connectivity, they can [request these from the District's Technology Department](#).

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