

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196  
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools  
*Educating our students to reach their full potential*

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Title **Early Childhood Screening Reminder Letter**

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our census records indicate you have a child who will be age eligible to attend kindergarten next fall. The record also indicates your child has not completed Early Childhood Screening.

The state of Minnesota mandates the school district to provide Early Childhood Screening as a one-time check on the health and development of young children.<sup>1</sup> The state requires that your child receive such a developmental screening or that you provide health records indicating that your child received a comparable developmental screening within the preceding 365 days from a public or private health care organization or individual health care provider. This must be done no later than 30 days after the first day of first attending a public school.

Registration for kindergarten occurs during January-February for most District 196 elementary schools. At that time, you will be asked to show **proof of screening when you register your child for kindergarten** (along with proof of your child's age and name).

Please call the screening office now at 651-423-7899 to schedule an appointment or email us at [ecscreening@district196.org](mailto:ecscreening@district196.org). Screening is available on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and we have some Saturdays too. Early Childhood Screening is provided by the school district at **no charge to families**.

**If our information is incorrect and your child has already been screened, please call the screening office and indicate to the secretary when and where your child's screening was completed (proof of this screening should be presented at the time of registration). If you have moved and are no longer a resident of our school district, please call our office so your name can be removed from our census records.**

Our Early Childhood Screening staff which includes English, Somali and Spanish speakers, looks forward to meeting you and your child at the District Service Center located at 14301 Diamond Path, Apple Valley, 55124.

Sincerely,

Early Childhood Screening

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<sup>1</sup> You have the right under the law to decline to answer questions or provide information about family circumstances that might affect development and identification of risk factors that may influence learning. Declining to answer questions or provide information does not prevent your child from being enrolled in public school if all other screening components are met.