

**2021-2022 School Year**

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## **South Washington County Schools Enrollment Guide**



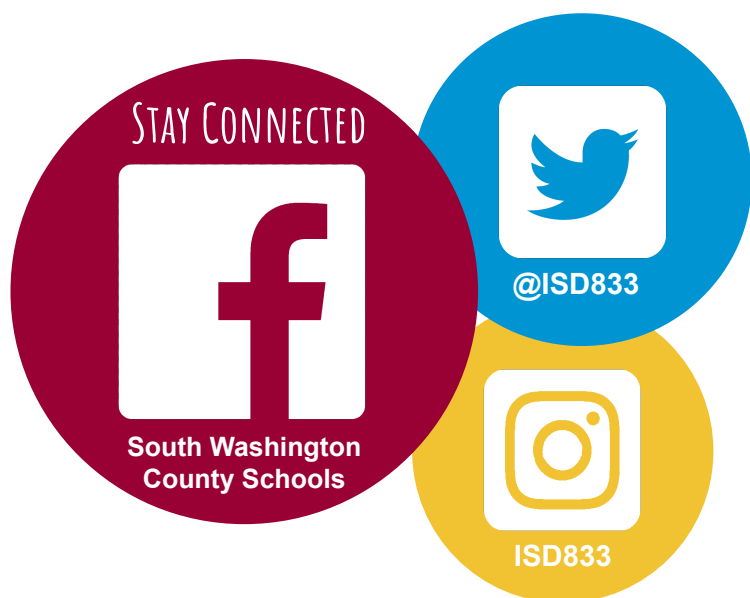
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**Priority Application Deadline is Friday, Feb. 26**  
Kindergarten  
Elementary Choice Programs

# GET A GREAT EDUCATION AT SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS



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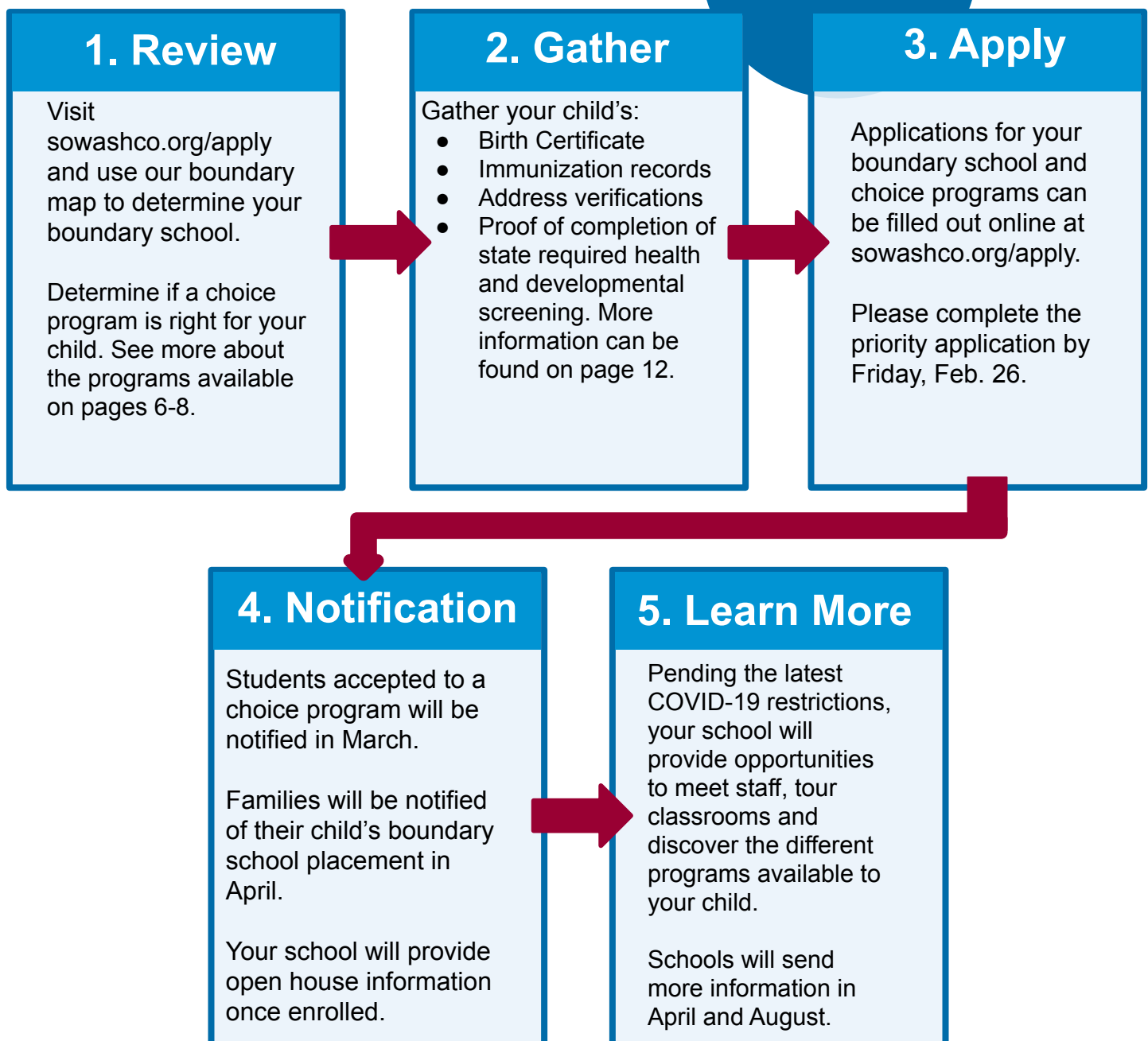


# Enrolling at South Washington County Schools

South Washington County Schools provides a great elementary school in every neighborhood. Students will meet new friends, gain problem-solving skills and will develop socially and emotionally in a caring and supportive school. Students will learn through language arts, math, science, social studies, health and physical education, music, art and media literacy.



## How to Apply





# Who Should Apply?

## An application is required if:

- Your child will be entering kindergarten or will be new to the school district for the 2021-22 school year.

## Applications are not required for students who are:

- Continuing at their current school to the next grade level

# Admission Priorities

## Priority is given to those who:

- Live within the area of their boundary school
- Residents living within South Washington County Schools boundaries
- Children of South Washington County Schools employees
- Siblings of current open enrolled students attending South Washington County Schools
  - Sibling priority does not guarantee acceptance into the district

## Other Considerations:

- Students living outside of South Washington County Schools boundaries are admitted to district schools if space allows.
  - Families must complete an open enrollment form which can be found at [sowashco.org/apply](http://sowashco.org/apply).

# Waiting Lists

Waiting lists are created for schools and programs that receive more applications than they have space available. Families that apply to a choice program will remain on the waiting list for one school year. If their child is not selected within the year, families will need to reapply. Families applying for a choice program must also first apply for the boundary school that serves the area in which they live.

# English Language Learners

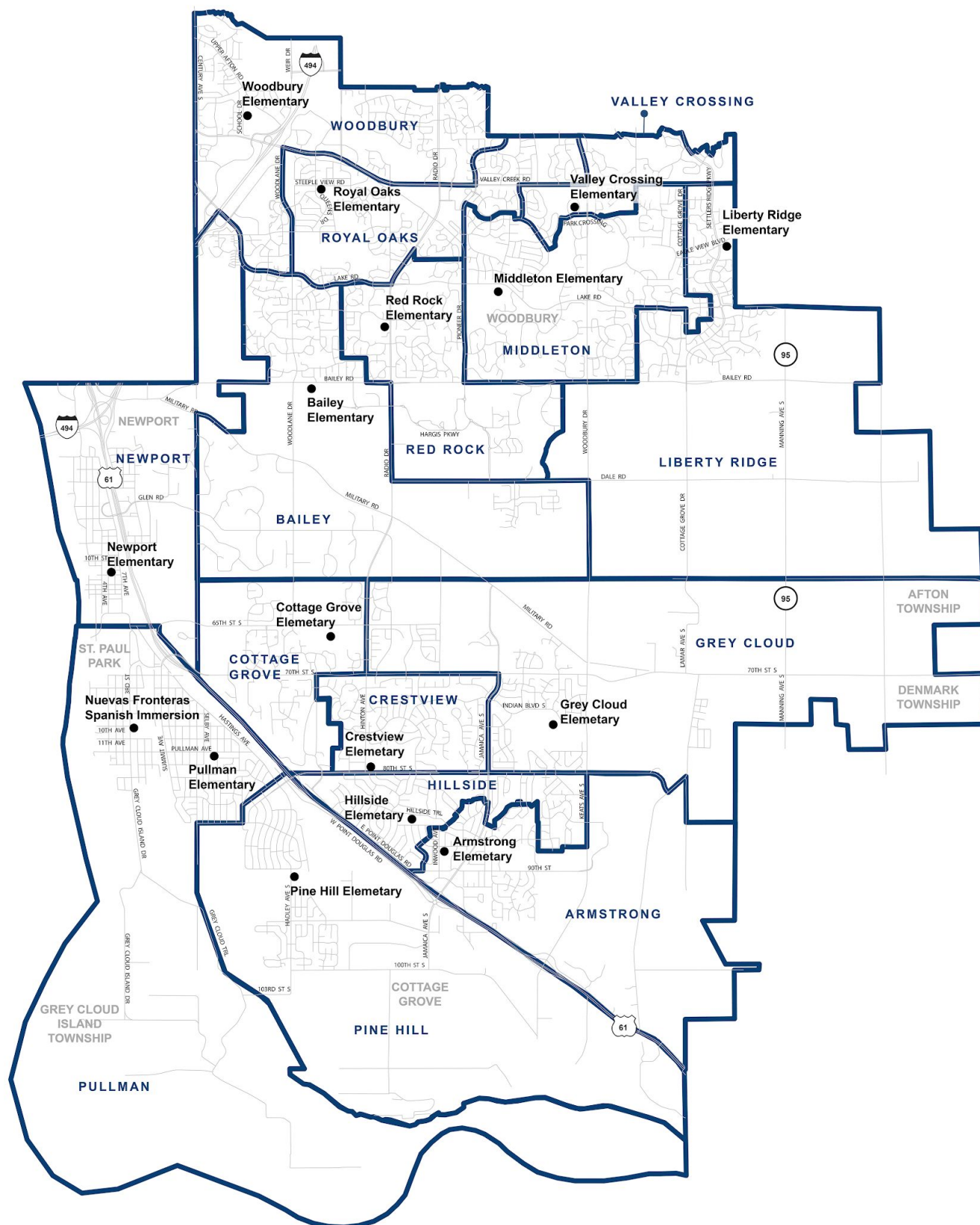
South Washington County Schools provides English language learner (EL) services for students whose home language is not English.

- During the enrollment application process, South Washington County Schools will gather information about a student and family's language background.
- Families that identify a home language other than English will have their child screened to determine if they qualify for English Language services.
- English language coordinators will reach out to families to schedule screenings for students before the upcoming school year.



# Find Your School

Determine which school your child will attend by using our school boundary calculator at [sowashco.org/apply](http://sowashco.org/apply).



**Please note:** School boundaries are subject to change.

# Elementary Schools at a Glance

School	Start/End Times	Phone	Website	Principal
Armstrong Elementary 8855 Inwood Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-4100	<a href="http://www.aes.sowashco.org">www.aes.sowashco.org</a>	Andy Caflisch
Bailey Elementary 4125 Woodlane Drive Woodbury, MN 55129	9:20 a.m. - 3:50 p.m.	651-425-4800	<a href="http://www.bes.sowashco.org">www.bes.sowashco.org</a>	Candy Gram
Cottage Grove Elementary 9775 Indian Blvd. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-5800	<a href="http://www.cges.sowashco.org">www.cges.sowashco.org</a>	Theresa Blume-Thole
Crestview Elementary 7830 80th Street S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	651-425-3800	<a href="http://www.ces.sowashco.org">www.ces.sowashco.org</a>	Jodi Husting
Grey Cloud Elementary 9525 Indian Blvd. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-4200	<a href="http://www.cges.sowashco.org">www.cges.sowashco.org</a>	Laura Loshek
Hillside Elementary 8177 Hillside Trail S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-4000	<a href="http://www.hes.sowashco.org">www.hes.sowashco.org</a>	Erin Shadick
Liberty Ridge Elementary 11395 Eagle View Blvd. Woodbury, MN 55129	9:20 a.m. - 3: 50 p.m.	651-425-5900	<a href="http://www.lres.sowashco.org">www.lres.sowashco.org</a>	Michael Moore
Middleton Elementary 9105 Lake Road Woodbury, MN 55125	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-4900	<a href="http://www.mes.sowashco.org">www.mes.sowashco.org</a>	Arthur Williams
Newport Elementary 851 6th Ave. Newport, MN 55055	7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	651-425-4300	<a href="http://www.nes.sowashco.org">www.nes.sowashco.org</a>	Richard Romano
Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion 1020 Third Street St. Paul Park, MN 55071	9:20 a.m. - 3: 50 p.m.	651-425-3100	<a href="http://www.nfsi.sowashco.org">www.nfsi.sowashco.org</a>	Cynthia Maldonado
Pine Hill Elementary 9015 Hadley Ave. S. Cottage Grove, MN 55016	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-3900	<a href="http://www.phes.sowashco.org">www.phes.sowashco.org</a>	Jolaine Mast
Pullman Elementary 1260 Selby Ave. St. Paul Park, MN	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-3600	<a href="http://www.pes.sowashco.org">www.pes.sowashco.org</a>	Ed Ross
Red Rock Elementary 3311 Commonwealth Ave. Woodbury, MN 55125	7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	651-425-5600	<a href="http://www.rres.sowashco.org">www.rres.sowashco.org</a>	Jennifer Holt
Royal Oaks Elementary 7335 Steepleview Road, Woodbury, MN 55125	7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	651-425-4700	<a href="http://www.roes.sowashco.org">www.roes.sowashco.org</a>	Susan Risius
Valley Crossing Elementary 9900 Park Crossing Woodbury, MN 55125	9:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	651-425-7500	<a href="http://www.vces.sowashco.org">www.vces.sowashco.org</a>	Connah Classon
Woodbury Elementary 1251 School Drive Woodbury, MN 55125	8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	651-425-4600	<a href="http://www.wes.sowashco.org">www.wes.sowashco.org</a>	Tony Mosser

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# Choice Programs

South Washington County Schools offers two choice programs, the Multiage Choice Program at Valley Crossing and Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion.

## Good to Know

- Families applying for a choice program must follow the same process for enrollment at [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply) by first selecting their boundary school before filling out a choice program application.
  - There is a separate application for applying to a choice program. A link to this is included in the boundary school application.

## Eligibility and Lottery Information

- Students within South Washington County Schools boundaries are given first preference for enrollment in choice programs.
- Students with siblings already enrolled in choice programs will be given priority.
- Enrollment for Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion and Valley Crossing Multiage Program is determined by a lottery process.
- Families will be notified with the results of the lottery process in March.
- Families not selected by the lottery process will be placed on a waiting list and are encouraged to attend their boundary school.

## Apply for a Choice Program

1. Visit [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply).
2. Click the 'Apply' button.
3. Follow the boundary school application process and the choice program application process.
4. Click 'Submit' once you have completed the form.

**The priority application deadline for Choice Programs is Friday, Feb. 26**





# Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion K-5

**Districtwide transportation** provided to students who live within the district, and who live more than one mile from school.

At **Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion**, students will gain skills and knowledge in the core content areas of reading, writing, math and science through instruction in Spanish. Students will develop positive attitudes about people who speak another language and for those who come from other cultures. By fifth grade, students will understand, speak, read and write in Spanish.

## Spanish Immersion Pathway



**Join us for a virtual information and welcome night  
at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2.  
Join by visiting [www.nfsi.sowashco.org](http://www.nfsi.sowashco.org)**

## Additional Information

- Students in kindergarten and first grade engage in activities that focus on their social-emotional learning and academics while being immersed in Spanish.
- Students in second grade continue to use Spanish for the majority of the day while also receiving English instruction for about 30-50 minutes every day.
- Students in third through fifth grade receive more English instruction to prepare them for their time at the middle and high school levels, while maintaining a large portion of their day in Spanish.
- In addition to core subjects, we offer art, music, science and physical education.
- This program is great for families that want their child to learn Spanish or for families of native Spanish speakers.



# Valley Crossing Multiage Program K-5

**Districtwide transportation** provided to students who live within the district, and live more than one mile from the school.

**The Multiage Choice Program** allows students to develop relationships with the same team of teachers and classmates over a two-year period. Classrooms are grouped together as kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade and fourth and fifth grade. Instruction focuses on individual progress in both academic and social-emotional areas.



**Join us for a virtual information and welcome night  
at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4.  
Join by visiting [www.vces.sowashco.org](http://www.vces.sowashco.org)**

## Additional Information

- The mix of grade levels allows students of different abilities and ages to work together.
- Relationships are strengthened between child, teacher and family to directly contribute to personalized learning.
- Each classroom is comprised of students with a wide range of skills and abilities where their differences are expected and honored.
- Students are able to be matched with the skill level they are ready for academically.
- Multiage classrooms offer opportunities for students to be mentored and/or to be a mentor.
- Teachers work together on teams and students may work with another teacher on the team for part of the day (reading and/or math).
- Science and social studies topics are covered over a two-year period.
- Multiage students have the same specialist classes found in other SoWashCo elementary schools (art, media, music, and physical education).

# Transportation Guidelines

Find your boundary school (page 4) or use our school boundary calculator at [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply). Please note that boundary schools and choice programs have different transportation areas.

## Transportation Guidelines

Transportation may be available for students who live within South Washington County Schools boundaries. Eligible students are assigned to a bus stop based on their home address, or in some situations, a daycare address. Traffic hazard factors and distance are the two primary criteria used to establish transported areas. For more information visit [sowashco.org/transportation](https://sowashco.org/transportation) or call 651-425-5303.

Grades	Guidelines
K-5	School bus transportation will generally be provided for elementary students who live <b>more than one mile</b> from their boundary school.
6-8	School bus transportation will generally be provided for middle school students who live <b>more than one-and-a-half miles</b> from their boundary school.
9-12	School bus transportation will generally be provided for high school students who live <b>more than two miles</b> from their boundary school.
Choice Programs	<p>School bus transportation will generally be provided for students attending Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Elementary School and live <b>more than one mile</b> from the school.</p> <p>School bus transportation will generally be provided for students attending the multiage program at Valley Crossing Elementary School and live <b>more than one mile</b> from the school.</p>

**Please note:** Transportation boundaries are subject to change. Open enrolled and intra-district transfer students (students attending a school other than their boundary school) whose parent/guardian has signed a waiver of transportation are not eligible for transportation services regardless of the distance.



# Special Education Services

South Washington County Schools believes all children, regardless of abilities, deserve the same educational experience. To learn more about South Washington County School's Special Services visit [sowashco.org/specialservices](http://sowashco.org/specialservices).

## Special Education Evaluation

Students must go through a special education evaluation to determine the services that will best help them develop skills. To set up an evaluation for your child, please call 651-425-7201.

## Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Every child eligible for special education services will have an individualized education program (IEP) to focus on academics, functional skills and social skills so they can become as self-sufficient as possible.

ABC - Academic Behavior Communication  
ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorder  
DCD - Developmental Cognitive Disability

EBD - Emotional Behavior Disorder  
ECSE - Early Childhood Special Education  
Resource - Specialized supplementary instruction

School	ABC	ASD	DCD	EBD	ECSE	Resource
Armstrong Elementary			X		X	X
Bailey Elementary	X				X	X
Cottage Grove Elementary			X		X	X
Crestview Elementary	X			X	X	X
Grey Cloud Elementary		X			X	X
Hillside Elementary	X				X	X
Liberty Ridge Elementary		X			X	X
Middleton Elementary			X		X	X
Newport Elementary				X	X	X
Pine Hill Elementary	X				X	X
Pullman Elementary	X				X	X
Red Rock Elementary		X			X	X
Royal Oaks Elementary		X			X	X
Valley Crossing Elementary	X			X	X	X
Woodbury Elementary	X		X		X	X

**Please note:** Program sites are subject to change based on needs within the district



# Kids Club

Kids Club is a fee-based child care program that supports learning and development before and/or after school, on non-school days and during summer. The program is open to elementary students in grades K-5 at their school.

## School Year

**6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

- Before and/or after school scheduling.
- All SoWashCo elementary schools.
- Full-time (5 days a week) or part-time (1-4 days a week) scheduling before and/or after school.
- Drop-in attendance option available.
- Care on non-school days is available to current Kids Club participants at limited locations. Registration is required for non-school days.

## Summer

**6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

- Full-day and half-day scheduling.
- Programming available for students who have completed their kindergarten year.

## Online Enrollment

Online enrollment for incoming 2021-22 kindergarten students into our school-year program will be held in the spring. Families will receive communication with dates and times. Follow the SoWashCo Community Education Facebook page and our website for updates.



[KidsClub@sowashco.org](mailto:KidsClub@sowashco.org)



651-425-6639



[ce.sowashco.org/youth/kids\\_club](http://ce.sowashco.org/youth/kids_club)



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# Checklist and Resources



## Athletics and Activities

Lists of activities and athletic opportunities are available on school websites. Youth enrichment courses, elementary intramurals, aquatics and gymnastics are offered through Community Education at [ce.sowashco.org](http://ce.sowashco.org).



## Calendar

The district's school-year calendars are available at [sowashco.org/calendar](http://sowashco.org/calendar). Check school website calendars for additional important dates.



## Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a simple check of how a child is growing and developing. It is required for any child entering kindergarten and is free of charge. Call 651-425-6175 or visit [ce.sowashco.org/earlychildhood](http://ce.sowashco.org/earlychildhood).



## Immunizations

State law requires that all students are current with certain immunizations before starting school unless there is an exemption on file. Students will not be able to attend school until immunization dates or exemption information is turned into the school. More information is available at [sowashco.org/immunizations](http://sowashco.org/immunizations).



## Medications

Health services personnel dispense medication to students in need of medication during school hours. Requirements and forms are available at [sowashco.org/medications](http://sowashco.org/medications).



## Parent Portal

Parent Portal allows parents or guardians to view information about student class schedules, attendance and more, online. To request an account email [ICSupport@sowashco.org](mailto:ICSupport@sowashco.org) or call 651-425-6317.



## Pay Fees

This system will be used for processing payments for school fees (parking, transcripts, clubs, etc.) and competitive activities (soccer, hockey, speech team, etc.). You can set up an account at [sowashco.org/fees](http://sowashco.org/fees).



## School Meal Accounts

You can register and manage your student's account at [sowashco.org/mealaccounts](http://sowashco.org/mealaccounts). Follow the instructions to setup an account and manage funds with a credit card. Applications for Free and Reduced-Priced Meals are available online, at your child's school and the District Service Center.



## School Supply Lists

School supply lists will be available on school websites in late summer. Contact your school if you need assistance.



## Transportation

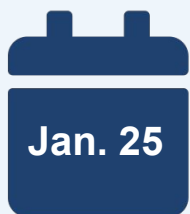
Transportation will be provided to and from school for eligible students to their boundary school. Families will receive bus stop information in August. More information is available at [sowashco.org/transportation](http://sowashco.org/transportation).



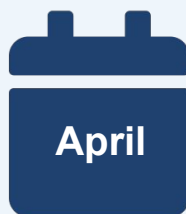
## Websites and Google Translate

Information about the district's schools and services is available at [sowashco.org](http://sowashco.org). Each school has a website, accessible from the homepage under the "Schools" tab at the top right. This information can be translated into multiple languages through Google Translate, located at the bottom right of the homepage.

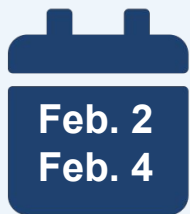
# Important Dates



Priority enrollment begins for boundary schools and choice programs. Applications available online at [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply).



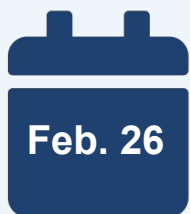
In April, families will be informed of their child's school placement.



**Feb. 2:** Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion Information Night.  
**Feb. 4:** Valley Crossing Multiage Classroom Information Night.



Open houses will be scheduled in mid-August for students to meet their teacher and see their classroom.



Priority application deadline to apply for boundary schools and choice programs. All applicants must apply first for their boundary school.



First day of school for all kindergartners.

## Additional Information

Learn more about how to apply at [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply).

Obtenga más información sobre cómo inscribirse en [sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply).

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在[sowashco.org/apply](https://sowashco.org/apply)上了解有关如何申请的更多信息。





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ACTION REQUIRED



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