Early Childhood Learning Programs
Students who participate in early childhood learning programs are getting ready for kindergarten—developing not just language, literacy, and math skills, but also the skills to be comfortable around others. Robbinsdale Area Schools offers Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes for our youngest learners and their parents to learn and play. We also offer Preschool Programs, Family Literacy Preschool, and Early Adventures—options to meet the needs of every family. Call 763-504-8300 or visit rdale.org for details.

Kindergarten Screening
Early childhood screening is required by the state of Minnesota and can be done any time before your child starts kindergarten. The free screenings offer the opportunity to connect face-to-face with an educator to talk about your child’s strengths, get information about district and community resources, and ask any parenting or school questions you have. Children are screened for vision, hearing, speech, social/emotional development, general health, growth and immunizations. This free screening is an excellent way to get advice on working with your child before kindergarten so they get off to the best start possible.

We recommend your child be screened at age 3½ to identify potential concerns early.

We can’t wait to welcome your children to Robbinsdale Area Schools! Our mission is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community. Believe. Belong. Become.

Robbinsdale Area Schools
Kindergarten Family Guide
Robbinsdale Area Schools offers exceptional opportunities for your child. Hands-on activities in language arts, literacy, math, science, art, music, health and well-being, and physical development make learning interesting and fun.

As students learn to be kind, make friends and work together, they acquire skills they will build on throughout their years in school.

Kindergarten Enrollment
Robbinsdale Area Schools offers tuition-free full-day kindergarten to all students, in eight neighborhood elementary schools and three magnet schools. (Magnet schools provide a comprehensive education with a school-wide focus on arts, science or Spanish immersion.) Use our school finder on the website to locate your school or to apply for a magnet school. Your neighborhood school will be assigned to you based on your home address—this is your ‘attendance area school’. Magnet school students are selected through a lottery system open to all district residents. Kindergarten enrollment forms and the school finder are online at rdale.org/kindergarten.

We Care for Kids and Inspire Learning

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Children who reach their 5th birthday on or before September 1 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the school year. Magnet school applications are due in February. Registration for neighborhood schools should be completed before Summer. Find the online registration packets at rdale.org/enroll.

- December: Magnet school applications available
- February: Magnet school applications due, neighborhood school registration forms available
- March: Magnet school lottery results announced
- May: Kindergarten information and registration night at neighborhood schools
- August-September: Elementary school open houses/Information nights

When you’re ready to register, you’ll need to have completed your student’s Early Childhood Screening. You will also need:
- your student’s birth certificate
- proof of home address
- completed K-5 registration form, immunizations/health records.

At the Enrollment Center, you can learn about busing and transportation; health-related concerns and immunizations; education benefits such as free and reduced lunch; and language assessment for English Learner Services.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All children attending schools must be in compliance with Minnesota Immunization Law (MS 121A.15) requiring immunizations for:
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTap, DTP, DT)
- Polio (IPV, OPV)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chickenpox; two doses required)

Your child will be unable to attend school until they meet the requirements of the law. Parents/Guardians may get legal exemptions for medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs.

Kindergarten Information Night
Neighborhood and magnet schools will host information nights/open houses in May. At this event, students and their families will tour the school, meet the principal, get a school supply list, and learn all about what to expect at kindergarten. If you would like an interpreter present, please call 763-504-7688 in advance. Watch for the dates and times on rdale.org!

Bus Transportation
Transportation is provided to students if:
- They are enrolled in their neighborhood school and live more than a half-mile from the school.
- They live in the district and are attending a magnet school. Because students may come from across the district, bus rides to and from magnet schools can be longer than rides to and from neighborhood schools.

Adventure Club Before and After School Care
Adventure Club is the before and after school childcare program in Robbinsdale Area Schools. Adventure Club opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6:00 p.m. on all school days, and is open during the summer and over most school breaks. Students in the program will practice getting along together while engaging in physical activity, science and cooking projects, arts and crafts, and outdoor time. For more information or to enroll, please visit ced.rdale.org

Enrollment Center
Phone 763-504-8080
Email enrollment@rdale.org
Address 4148 Winnetka Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427
Hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.