

# Edina Early Learning Center



A place for children and families to grow and thrive.



**CommunityEd**  
Edina Public Schools

**School Year 2022-23**

**Registration Opens**

January 25 for Edina residents  
February 1 for our neighbors



# Welcome to the Edina Early Learning Center!

A great education with Edina Public Schools begins with our youngest learners!

Our vision is for Each and Every Student to Discover their Opportunities and Thrive. We understand that this looks different for students across ages, and we are proud of what we offer to our families.



We are especially proud of the many early learning opportunities offered through our award-winning Edina Early Learning Center. Building strong partnerships between home and school is a Core Value and key to our success in fostering lifelong learning and education excellence.

Family engagement helps build strong home to school connections and will have a positive impact on your child's learning for years to come. We are delighted that you are considering the opportunities we have to offer.



We wish you and your family a wonderful experience at the Edina Early Learning Center and look forward to a long relationship with you as your child progresses through Edina Public Schools.

Yours Truly,  
Dr. Stacie Stanley  
Superintendent  
Edina Public Schools



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## Come over for a Play Date!

*Join us to learn more about our school.*

### Early Learning Center Open Houses

Tuesday, January 18  
5:30 - 7:30pm

Saturday, January 22  
Noon - 2pm

### Can't make the open house? Schedule a tour!

Take a personalized tour to learn about our school. Tours are usually available before 9:00 am and after 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

### To Schedule:

Email [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org).

In the subject line write "ELC Tour Request" and in the body of the email include at least three preferred dates for your tour.

# A Place for Children to Grow and Families to Thrive



At the Edina Early Learning Center, we are proud to be your family's first introduction to Edina Schools, and we welcome you!

Our goal is to nurture the development of every child's unique strength and talent. We are more than just a preschool. We offer Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Screening for three through five-year olds, access to Early Childhood Special Education supports and home visiting for those who may need it.

We welcome all children ages birth through five years old and are excited to help them explore each of their gifts. I invite and encourage you to attend one of our open houses to learn about our Parent Aware-rated school or request a personalized tour. I welcome your questions so connect with me anytime!

## Edina Early Learning Center Offers:

- Support for you and your child from day one, with classes for newborns through preschool.
- A family education program with tools and resources so you can parent with confidence.
- A developmentally-appropriate, play-based learning approach.
- An opportunity to connect with other families and opportunities in our community.
- A place to belong and connect with other young families and discover ways to share your talents.



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# Overview

*The Edina Early Learning Center educational offerings are here for your family as soon as you welcome baby. Our programs fall into four categories, described below.*

## Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Unique to Minnesota, ECFE classes provide opportunities for children and parents to learn and grow together.
- Parent education is provided either separate from children or together, depending on age and family choice.
- ECFE classes are offered from birth to 5 years, with many options to fit your schedule!

## Preschool Classes

- These classes nurture and expand your child's next step in their educational development.
- We provide a variety of schedules to fit families's needs.
- In addition to preschool, we offer childcare and enrichment classes to round out the day if desired.

## Parent Education

- We offer many classes for parents and children together, such as baby massage, baby sign language, and more!
- Parent-only classes help you navigate the ups and downs of the first few years of your life as a family, while sharing experiences with other parents.

## Additional Supports

- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education

## Offerings by Age

### Birth to 12 months

Baby & Me: Birth - 6 months  
Busy Babies: 7 - 11 months  
A Breath of Fresh Air: Birth - 11 months  
Baby Massage: Birth - 12 Months

### Birth to 24 months

Afterschool: Birth - 2 years  
Baby Sign Language: Birth - 2 years  
Stroller Walk and Talk: Birth - 24 months  
A Breath of Fresh Air: 12 - 24 months  
Toddlin' Tykes: 12 - 17 months  
Toddlin' Tykes Saturdays: 12 - 24 months  
Tender Tots: 18 - 24 months

### 6 to 18 months

Saturday Stories and Songs: 6 - 18 months

### Birth - 5 years

Family Time Saturdays: Birth - 5 years

### 1-3 years

Stay and Play with Grandparents: 12 - 36 months

### 2-3 years

A Taste of Preschool: 24 - 35 months  
Taste of Preschool in Nature: 24 - 35 months  
Taste of Preschool for Older 2's: 33+ months

### 2-5 years

Me and My Dad: 2-5 years

### 3-5 years

ECFE Multi-Age  
Preschool for Threes  
All-Day Preschool for Threes  
PreK for Fours and Fives  
All-Day PreK  
Next Up - Kindergarten!  
Enrichment and Childcare for Preschoolers  
Super Saturdays

# ELC Teachers: Building Relationships and Community



*Preschool teacher Alaina Zapata*

## Creating Welcoming Spaces

As young children take the first steps into Edina Schools, teachers like Alaina Zapata ensure a safe and welcoming space for them.

Alaina has worked at the Early Learning Center for seven years and has taught all ages of preschoolers.

“This place has helped me to grow into who I am and the teacher I never dreamed I could be,” she says.

Alaina knows how impactful the relationships made in the classroom can be, not only for the children but for the families as well.

“I recognize that these students are coming from different walks of life and home lives as they come together to create that classroom community and family,” Alaina describes.

“This is where you start, where you learn how to be a kind human being and to build friendships,” Alaina continues.

Alaina and all our teachers strive to set their students up for success before they enter elementary school, using a teaching tool called the Pyramid Model. This model is a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children’s healthy social and emotional development.

“I want my students to leave here knowing that they were loved and that they belonged and that they had a sense of place in my classroom,” Alaina concludes. “What matters most is that they know that they have a place in this world and that being a kind human being is the only thing that matters.”

*Raising children is an important and sometimes challenging role and having a committed and caring community can really help. The Early Learning Center (ELC) provides that community with supportive and caring teachers that are committed to ensuring the youngest learners and their families are supported and welcomed into Edina Schools.*

## **Making Connections Inside and Outside the Classroom**

The ELC's supportive and caring Parent Educators include Linda Stotts and Deb Roberts who have taught for more than 25 years combined in the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and Parent Education classes. Their expertise ranges from birth to adolescence as they help parents learn more about their children, how to meet their needs, and help parents to get to know each other and build community.

“Parenting is the hardest job most of us will ever have. Children don’t come with an instruction manual, and each child has unique needs,” Deb explains. “Good parenting requires constant reflection, adjustment, creativity and continuing education and support. We offer parents those tools.”

Our Parent Educators understand that everyone brings different experiences and situations to class and strive to support families as they come together to make connections, and to learn and grow from each other.

Linda Stotts describes, “When you have a class of 12 people, they do a lot of teaching amongst themselves as far as giving great direction and ideas for what works for them.”

Those family connection are a reason why our programs are important – they bring parents together to create a circle of support and understanding between people who are sharing experiences. And these relationships often extend beyond the classroom. Linda herself is proof of the lifelong friendships that can come from time together in ECFE.

“I was in an ECFE group with my twins who are now 23 and those women I met are just incredible people in my life because they were there when it was really hard,” Linda says.

Whether you are a new parent to the district or newly welcoming a child into your life and family, our doors are always open to start meeting people who are on the same path as you and want to support each other.



*Parent Educators Deb Roberts and Linda Stotts*

# Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)



Our hallmark program for infants, toddlers and their parents is called “Early Childhood Family Education” or “ECFE.” Unique to Minnesota and supported by the legislature, ECFE has been supporting and strengthening families since 1973.

ECFE classes help you develop a new appreciation of the world from your child’s perspective, a growing support network of parents on a shared journey, and a shared sense of purpose as you connect with others who want to make a difference and build community.

## Here’s a preview of what you and your child will experience in ECFE

### Parent-Child Activity Time

You and your child enjoy time together with developmentally-appropriate activities.

### Parent Discussion

Join other parents and a licensed Parent Educator to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting while learning effective, research-based parenting strategies.

### Children’s Learning Time

In classes where children and parents separate for the parent discussion, children will stay with licensed early childhood teachers. Children develop social-emotional skills while playing and learning with others.

## “All Caregivers are Welcome!”

*While we use the word “parent”, we recognize that not all family structures look the same. Any and all adults parenting and/or caregiving are welcome in our classes.*



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*We're here to help you get your child off to a great start! You are your child's first and most important teacher. We help you enjoy this time together, and give you the tools you need to parent with confidence.*

## Separating/Non-Separating

Most ECFE classes for the very youngest children have the parent education component within the classroom, so babies and caregivers stay together. These are our “non-separating” classes. As children get ready for more independence, they remain in their space while parents convene in a separate room for parent education. These are our “separating” classes.

## Sibling Care

Sibling care is available while you are attending an ECFE class with your infant/toddler. In sibling care, children ages 6 weeks through pre-K spend time in age-appropriate exploration, play and activities under the supervision of our highly-trained, dedicated staff. Sibling care is available for all ECFE classes offered between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Sibling care is not available for evening or weekend classes. Register for sibling care when you register for your family education class.

## Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in the catalog is the most a family will pay.

Annual Income	Participant Pays
\$0-\$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000-\$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000-\$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price

## Age Specifications

Keep in mind to explore classes based on your child's age as of 9/1/2022.



# Babies & Toddlers: Non-Separating



## Baby & Me Sampler: Birth - 6 months

For parents with young babies, this FREE introduction to Early Childhood Family Education is for you. Meet other new parents and learn about infant growth and development.

Offered September through May on the the second Monday of the month from 11:45am - 12:45 pm. See our website for registration specifics.

## Baby & Me: Birth - 6 months

Congratulations on the beautiful addition to your family! This relaxing class is designed to be educational, yet allow you to slow down long enough to have some focused, uninterrupted time to enjoy your infant. Meet other parents, sharing questions on sleep, schedules, feeding and development.

Mon	9:15 - 10:15am	9/12-6/1
0006-1		\$83.00/month
Fri	10:30 - 11:30am	9/9-5/26
0006-2		\$83.00/month

## Busy Babies: 7 - 11 months

Enjoy time with your baby/toddler exploring the classroom as you listen to music, create art activities, read books and play to learn. A licensed Parent Educator will lead the class as you interact with your child and discuss your child's social, emotional and physical development.

Mon	10:30 - 11:30am	9/12-6/1
0711-1		\$83.00/month
Fri	9:15 - 10:15am	9/9-5/26
0711-2		\$83.00/month

## A Breath of Fresh Air: Birth - 11 months

Come spend some time with other parents and a licensed Parent Educator for a picnic in the park. You bring your lunch and we'll bring the topics. Topics will include sleep habits, feeding, parents's mental health, and more.

Fri	12:15 - 1:15pm	9/9-10/14
Fresh Air-0011		\$83.00

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### A Breath of Fresh Air: 12 - 24 months

Toddlers love to explore and a park is the perfect place. We'll have a picnic in the park to start and then spend some time playing while also chatting about the joys and concerns of raising a toddler.

Wed	12:30 - 1:30pm	9/7 -10/19
Fresh Air-1224		\$83.00

### Baby Sign Language: Birth - 2 years

Learn sign language skills to effectively communicate with your baby. A class for children birth to two years and a parent.

Fri	8:00 - 9:00am	9/9 - 9/30
SLBirth-Two1		\$75.00

### Baby Massage: Birth - 12 months

Learn how to utilize massage to connect and comfort your baby. For parents and babies birth to 12 months.

Mon	8:00 - 9:00am	9/12-10/10
Baby Massage-1		\$75.00

### Stroller Walk and Talk: Birth - 2 years

Walk and talk around the neighborhood while a licensed Parent Educator leads discussion focused on current parenting trends.

Wed	3:30-4:30pm	9/7-10/19
Stroller-1		\$83.00

### Baby/Toddler Playtime: 6 - 18 months

Join other parents and their children in an atmosphere created just for babies and toddlers. No registration is required. You can pay as you go (\$7 at the door) or purchase a pass online. Sibling care is not offered for this class.

Tue	3:30-4:30pm	9/6-12/20
PlayPass-Tue-Fall		\$50.00

Thu	12:15-1:15pm	9/8-12/15
PlayPass-Thu-Fall		\$50.00

Tue	3:30-4:30pm	1/3-5/30
PlayPass-Tue-WinSpr		\$50.00

Thu	12:15-1:15pm	1/5-5/25
PlayPass-Thu-WinSpr		\$50.00

### Stay and Play with Grandparents: 12 - 36 months

Join other grandparents and their children in an atmosphere created just for babies and toddlers. No registration is required. You can pay as you go (\$7 at the door) or purchase a pass online. Sibling care is not offered for this class.

Tue	11:45am-12:45pm	9/13-12/20
Grpts-Tue-Fall		\$50.00

Thu	11:45am-12:45pm	9/8-12/15
Grpts-Thu-Fall		\$50.00

Tue	11:45am-12:45pm	1/3-5/30
Grpts-Tue-WinSpr		\$50.00

Thu	11:45am-12:45pm	1/5-5/25
Grpts-Thu-WinSpr		\$50.00

## Multi-Age Class!

### Saturday Songs and Stories: Birth - 5 years

Enjoy special time as a family. Learn and play in one of our preschool classrooms. Teachers will lead the group in songs and stories.

Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	9/10-10/15
SFamily-1		\$155.00

Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	10/29-12/10
SFamily-2		\$155.00

Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	1/28-3/4
SFamily-3		\$155.00

Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	4/1-5/13
SFamily-4		\$155.00

# Babies and Toddlers: Separating

## Toddlin' Tykes: 12 - 17 months

Your toddler will delight in songs, story time, and puppet shows all the while learning social skills by taking turns, exploring together and interacting with others. Parents separate for a portion of the class with a licensed Parent Educator to discuss their child's social, emotional and physical development while the children stay to play in the classroom.

Tue 1217-2	9:15-10:30am	9/6-5/30 \$99.00/month
Wed 1217-3	9:15-10:30am	9/7-5/31 \$99.00/month
Thu 1217-4	10:45am-12:00pm	9/8-6/1 \$99.00/month

## Toddlin' Tykes Saturdays: 12 - 24 months

Spend a Saturday morning with your toddler. You will participate in songs, story time, and puppet shows while learning social skills by taking turns, exploring together and interacting with others. Parents separate for a portion of the class with a licensed Parent Educator to discuss their child's social, emotional and physical development while the children stay to play in the classroom.

Sat S1224-1	9:00-10:00am	9/10-10/15 \$155.00/month
Sat S1224-2	9:00-10:00am	10/29-12/10 \$155.00/month
Sat S1224-3	9:00-10:00am	1/28-3/4 \$155.00/month
Sat S1224-4	9:00-10:00am	4/1-5/13 \$155.00/month

## Tender Tots: 18-24 months

Enjoy time with your baby/toddler exploring the classroom and playing to learn. Parents separate for a portion of the class into another classroom with a licensed Parent Educator to discuss their child's social, emotional and physical development while the children play with their teachers and classmates.

Tue 1823-2	10:45am-12:00pm	9/6-5/30 \$99.00/month
Wed 1823-3	10:45am-12:00 pm	9/7-5/31 \$99.00/month
Thu 1823-4	9:15-10:30am	9/8-6/1 \$99.00/month

## Family Education Afterschool: Birth - 2 years

Come find your community when it's convenient for you. Parents and child will attend together to play, learn and explore. The first half of the class will be parent and child learning time together. Parents will leave for the second half of the class to attend parent education facilitated by a licensed Parent Educator.

Tue Afterschool	4:00-5:30pm	9/6-5/30 \$90.00/month
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# Classes for Two-Year Olds

## A Taste of Preschool

Two year olds love to explore and our classrooms are set up to allow children to engage all of their senses and gain confidence, trust, and independence. Parents separate with a Licensed Parent Educator to learn more about parent generated topics.

### One Day per Week

Mon 0002-1	8:45-10:45am	9/12-5/22 \$160.00/month
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Mon 0002-4	11:15am - 1:15pm	9/12-5/22 \$160.00/month
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Tue 0002-5	3:30-5:30pm	9/6-5/30 \$160.00/month
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### Two Days per Week

Tue/Thu 0002-2	8:45-10:45am	9/6-5/30 \$320.00/month
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*Parenting Day is Tuesday*

## Taste of Preschool for Older Two's

for students 33 months old as of Sept 1, 2022

Do you have a two year old with a birthday in the month of June, July or August? We recognize that children with summer birthdays may be ready for two days of independent learning. This class is similar to our Taste of Preschool but without a parent education component.

Wed/Fri 0002-3	8:45am - 10:45am	9/7-5/31 \$320.00/month
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## Taste of Preschool in Nature with Parenting

Being outside allows busy twos to engage all of their senses as they move, create, communicate, and socialize. This non-separating class will meet at an Edina park. Come meet new friends as you enjoy fall in Minnesota.

Wed 0002-Nature	11:15am - 12:15pm	9/7-10/19 \$135.00
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## Me and My Dad: 2-5 years

Enjoy an ECFE class with dad! Parents and students will attend together for the first half. The second half of the class, the dads will attend parent education in a separate classroom space with a parent educator.

Wed Dad-1	6:00-7:30 pm	9/7-9/28 \$83.00
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## Multi-Age Class!

### Saturday Songs and Stories for birth to 5 years old

Enjoy special time as a family. Learn and play in one of our preschool classrooms. Teachers will lead the group in songs and stories. Non-separating.

Sat SFamily-1	10:30 - 11:30am	9/10-10/15 \$155
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Sat SFamily-2	10:30 - 11:30am	10/29-12/10 \$155
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Sat SFamily-3	10:30 - 11:30am	1/28-3/4 \$155
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Sat SFamily-4	10:30 - 11:30am	4/1-5/13 \$155
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## Sliding Fee Scale

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# Preschool for 3-5 Year Olds



The Edina Early Learning Center's preschool program for 3-5 year olds help young learners develop their emergent literacy and math skills through a play-based learning model. Using The Creative Curriculum<sup>®</sup>, we also provide opportunities to help them develop healthy social skills and learn to advocate appropriately for their needs.

## A Day in the Life of a Preschooler:

**Circle Time/Morning Meeting:** We start our day building strong community through songs, read-alouds, stories and calendar. Teachers model social and emotional skills, including creating and maintaining friendships.

**Literacy:** Students will build concepts about print, comprehension and some basic letter and sound practice.

**Math:** Students work on number sense, patterning, colors/shapes and other emergent math concepts.

**Science:** Science is all around us and students will learn how to explore, question and discover through scientific themes like nature, plants, animals, ecosystems and weather.

**Choice Time/Gym/Creative Movement:** Self-directed learning is imperative to a child's development, so we provide many opportunities for free play and large motor play.

**Art, Music and Theater:** Learning in preschool happens through an artistic, musical lens. We love to sing, dance and act out our learning!

## Looking to extend your child's time at school?

Consider an add-on enrichment or childcare option! See our preschool Add-On options on pages 14 and 15!



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### Preschool for Threes

for students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2022

Classrooms encourage curiosity and exploratory play for this independent stage of development. Expanding on this social and emotional maturation allows for students to make their first real friendships while discovering an excitement for their own intellectual curiosity.

#### Two Days/Week

Tu/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/6-6/1
0003-4		\$255.00/month

#### Three Days/Week

Mon/Wed/Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/7-6/1
0003-3		\$385.00/month

#### Five Days/Week

Mon - Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/6-6/1
0003-2		\$616.00/month

### All-Day Preschool for Threes

for students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2022

Our All Day Preschool option is for kids ready and able to handle a longer learning day. The academic day is 8:30 - 11:30am. Childcare available before and after class. Students will have lunch and rest time before transitioning to our childcare room. Breakfast, snack and lunch are included in the tuition.

Mon-Fri	7:30am - 5:30pm	9/12-5/26
0003-AD		\$1375.00/month

### PreK for Fours and Fives

for students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2022

Our PreK continues to build social emotional skills as well as emergent literacy and math skills through a play based model. Students develop a readiness for kindergarten at Edina Public School and a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

#### Three Days/Week

Tue/Wed/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/6-6/1
0045-3		\$385.00/month

Tue/Wed/Thu	12:30-3:00pm	9/6-6/1
0045-5		\$325.00/month

#### Five Days/Week

Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/6-6/1
0045-1		\$616.00/month



### All-Day PreK

for students 4+ years old after Sept 1, 2022

Our All Day PreK option is for kids ready and able to handle a longer learning day. The academic day is from 8:30am-1:30pm with wrap-around care available. Students will develop pre-literacy and math skills through play based activities. Students registering for this class should have some preschool experience and have the stamina for a longer day. Breakfast, snack and lunch are included in the tuition.

Mon-Fri	7:30am - 5:30pm	9/6-6/1
0045-AD		\$1375.00/month

# Childcare and Enrichment for Preschool Students



## Childcare for Preschoolers

Do you need a little extra care for your child before or after preschool? We've created a flexible option just for you! Your child will be escorted by classroom staff to/from the childcare space when you add this option to your weekly schedule. Children enrolled in childcare enjoy a variety of age-appropriate academic and play-based activities. Daily activities are planned with an enrichment focus. Students enjoy playground/gym time, creative art projects, circle time, and self-directed play. Quiet body time occurs each afternoon.

Children must be registered for an Early Learning Center preschool class to be eligible

Childcare follows the Early Learning calendar, so when school is not in session, childcare is closed.

Childcare is offered on a space-available basis

### Childcare Blocks - Monday - Friday

Block 1	7:30-8:30am	\$9.00/day
Block 2	11:30am - 3pm	\$31.50/day
Block 3	3:00-5:30pm	\$22.50/day

## Sample Schedules

Combine preschool, childcare, and enrichment classes to make a schedule that works for your child and family. Here are some examples:

### Sample Schedule 1

8:30-11:30am    Preschool  
11:30am-2:00pm    Enrichment Class

### Sample Schedule 2

8:30-11:30am    Preschool  
11:30am-3:00pm    Childcare

### Sample Schedule 3

12:30-3:00pm    Preschool  
3:00-5:30pm    Childcare

## Enrichment Classes for Preschoolers

Enrichment classes provide children with the opportunity to be creative and explore their natural gifts, talents and passions. These classes allow students to extend classroom learning, build additional skills, and make new social connections through small group learning.

If you're registered for a morning preschool class at the ELC, add on to your day with one of our enrichment classes, offered Monday through Friday. Students will bring their lunch from home and enjoy some outdoor time before transitioning to their enrichment class.

If you'd like to join our fun but do not attend preschool at the ELC, sign up for one of our Super Saturdays! (See next page.)

**All Enrichment Classes run from 11:30 - 2:00pm and follow the school year calendar.**

### STEM

Students will learn about the 4 parts of STEM. Activities will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

STEM Mon \$95.00/month

### Book Buddies

Activities will focus on themes from different books. Students will develop a love of literacy through fun songs, activities, and stories.

BookBuddies Tue \$95.00/month

### Crafternoons

Students will have an opportunity to complete different craft activities such as weaving, paper crafts, painting, and a whole lot more. Each class kids will have a craft to bring home.

Crafternoons Wed \$95.00/month

### Little Chefs

Students will learn some simple, no bake recipes. Focus will also be on nutrition and making healthy food choices

LittleChefs Thur \$95.00/month

### Nature Exploration

Students will explore nature around the ELC. They will take short walking field trips to explore the environment around us.

Nature Fri \$95.00/month

### A Taste of Spanish

Students will begin to get a "taste" of the Spanish language and culture. Simple vocab will be introduced as well as some at home activities for the whole family.

Spanish Mon/Wed \$190/month

### A Taste of French

Students will begin to get a "taste" of the French language and culture. Simple vocab will be introduced as well as some at home activities for the whole family.

French Tue/Thu \$190/month



# Super Saturdays for Preschoolers

These hands-on 4-week sessions let your 3-5 year old explore and learn through fun projects and activities. Parents should attend with their child.

## Super Saturday- Explosions!

Science is cool! This class is for those that like blowing things up and making a little bit of a mess. Students will experiment with simple chemical combinations to create safe and easy explosions.

Sat 9:00-10:00am 9/10-10/1  
SExplosion \$65

## Super Saturday- Service Projects

Helping others always feels good. It's never too early to learn about helping others. Students will make homeless packs, dog blankets, first aid kits and school boxes.

Sat 9:00-10:00am 10/29-11/19  
SService \$65

## Super Saturday- Builders

Designed to educate your child as they build. We provide the innovative materials - think popsicle sticks, paper towel rolls - and the students create the construct. What can your innovator build with traditional and some not so traditional materials?

Sat 9:00-10:00am 1/7-2/4  
SBuilders \$65

## Super Saturday- Kid's Crafts

Make new friends and new crafts! Students will practice weaving, jewelry making, painting, and other crafts. After each session, students will have creative and special projects to take home.

Sat 9:00-10:00am 2/11-3/4  
SCrafts \$65

## Super Saturday- Little Woodworkers

Does your child like to build with wood? This class is perfect for kids that want to learn some of the basics of woodworking. Students will have an opportunity to express their creativity in a 3-dimensional way. They'll also get a tour of our community woodshop, located right on the ELC campus!

Sat 9:00-10:00am 4/1-4/29  
SWoodworkers \$65

## Super Saturday- Gardening

Children learn some gardening basics and create their own mini garden. Gardeners will get their hands dirty and learn about what it takes to make plants grow. How does food begin as a plant? How do I grow a pretty flower? What makes a good gardener? Students are sure to leave this class with a green (or dirty) thumb.

Sat 9:00-10:00am 5/6-5/27  
SGarden \$65



# Early Childhood Family Education for 3-5 year-olds

Continue your ECFE experience as your child enters the Pre-K years with our classes for older children. Build your connections with other parents as you share your experiences parenting this age. Previous ECFE experience is not required -- it's never to late to start!

## ECFE for Preschoolers: 3-5 years

Focusing on threes, fours and fives who may be new to preschool, this class covers a variety of parenting topics to offer you and your child a wonderful time together. Children's activities are designed to encourage personal, social, and physical development, pre-reading, pre-writing skills and language development. Parents stay in the classroom with their child for the first hour. The second hour, parents separate from their child to have time to connect with and learn from other parents while facilitated by a licensed Parent Educator. Child care for siblings is available.

Fri 12:30-2:30pm 9/9-5/26  
0035-1 \$160.00/month

## Me and My Dad: 2-5 years

Enjoy an ECFE class with dad! Parents and students will attend together for the first half. The second half of the class, the dads will attend parent education in a separate classroom space with a parent educator.

Wed 6:00-7:30 pm 9/7-9/28  
Dad-1 \$90.00

## Next Up - Kindergarten!: 4-5 years

This class focuses on making sure your child is ready for kindergarten. This class is intended for 4 and 5 year old children starting kindergarten in Fall 2023.

Thu 3:30-5:00pm 9/8-6/1  
Kindergarten-1 \$90/month



## Multi-Age Class!

### Saturday Songs and Stories for birth to 5 years old

Enjoy special time as a family. Learn and play in one of our preschool classrooms. Teachers will lead the group in songs and stories. Non-separating.

Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	9/10-10/15
SFamily-1		\$155
Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	10/29-12/10
SFamily-2		\$155
Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	1/28-3/4
SFamily-3		\$155
Sat	10:30 - 11:30am	4/1-5/13
SFamily-4		\$155

## Sliding Fee Scale

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# Parent Education



Parent Education’s goal is to enhance the ability of all parents to provide the best possible environment for their child’s learning and growth. It is a place where all families have people who will walk beside them on their parenting journey. Join us for an ongoing class or one of our stand-alone events!

## Sibling Care

Sibling care is available while you are attending Parent Education. In sibling care, children ages 6 weeks through 5 years spend time in age-appropriate exploration, play and activities under the supervision of our highly-trained, dedicated staff. Sibling care is available for all Parent Education classes offered between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Sibling care is not available for evening or weekend classes. Register for sibling care when you register for your parent education class.

## Sliding Fee Scale

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## No School Days:

September 26  
October 20, 21  
November 8, 23-25  
December 21-30  
January 2, 16, 20  
February 20-21  
March 10, 20-24  
April 21  
May 29

## “All Caregivers are Welcome!”

*While we use the word “parent”, we recognize that not all family structures look the same. Any and all adults parenting and/or caregiving are welcome in our classes.*



To register, visit [edina.ce.eleyo.com](http://edina.ce.eleyo.com) or scan here

## In Person Classes

### Welcome to the Community: Parenting Education for Families New to the U.S.

This is a parent only class for families new to living in the United States.

Thu 6:00 - 7:00 pm 9/8 - 1/19  
NewUSParents - 1 \$175.00

Thu 6:00 - 7:00pm 1/26 - 6/1  
NewUSParents - 2 \$175.00

### Mindful Parenting

Mindfulness is about letting go of guilt and shame about the past and focusing on right now. Focus on purposeful attention to what's happening, instead of getting sidelined by your emotions. This class will help parents reflect on their parenting practices and make proactive plans for the highs and lows of parenting.

Mon 6:00 - 7:00pm 9/12 - 1/16  
Mindful - 1 \$175.00

### Mindful Parenting with Yoga and Meditation

Yoga and meditation can help destress your inner self. This class offers some basic yoga and meditation with guided reflection facilitated by a licensed Parent Educator. You'll have an opportunity to focus deeply on your parenting in a safe, calm, de-stressed environment.

Tue 6:00 - 7:00pm 9/6 - 1/17  
Mindful Yoga - 1 \$195.00

### Culturally Competent Parenting

Learn how to introduce culturally competent skills into your parenting and family life. Be there as your child learns about their culture and influences through life as well as develop an awareness and appreciation for other cultures in our community.

Wed 6:00 - 7:00pm 9/7 - 1/18  
Competent 1 \$185.00

### Parenting for Resilience

Raising resilient kids can be challenging. Learn how to teach your child resilience and how to cope through difficult times.

Thu 6:00 - 7:00pm 9/8 - 1/19  
Resilience - 1 \$175.00

### Parenting - Been There Done That

This class is for experienced parents who may have taken an ECFE class before. Class content will be tailored to the needs of the group - honoring their knowledge and experiences.

First Tue 1:00 - 2:00pm Sept - May  
Been There - 1 \$95.00

### Parenting: Birth - 2 Years & 3 - 5 Years

A licensed Parent Educator facilitates parents who will gather to support and discuss topics key to child development. This class will look at developmental growth through play and the joys and challenges that this age can exhibit. Under the guidance of the Parent Educator, participants may help select topics. Children up to 4 months are welcome to attend with their parent.

#### Birth - 2 years

Second Tue 8:45 - 9:45am Sept - May  
ParBirthtoTwo - 1 \$95.00

Second Tue 1:00 - 2:00pm Sept - May  
ParBirthtoTwo - 2 \$95.00

#### 3 - 5 years

Third Tue 8:45 - 9:45am Sept - May  
Par3to5 - 1 \$95.00

Third Tue 1:00 - 2:00pm Sept - May  
Par3to5 - 2 \$95.00

## Online Class

### Supporting Your Little Worrier: Anxiety Is Real

This five - week virtual class will support parents and caregivers of young children experiencing anxiety. Parents and caregivers will learn helpful tools to manage and respond to their child's anxiety - both in the moment and long term. Instructional materials provided prior to the start of class.

Mon 7:00 - 8:00pm 9/12 - 10/17  
ParentAnx - 1 \$75.00

# Don't wait until fall - join us this spring!

## Online: Lunch and Learn Parenting Series

This series is designed to help parents of children ages birth to five navigate common concerns. Licensed Parent Educator Deb Roberts will share research-based information and practical strategies. Feel free to eat your lunch during class. Sign up for one or all four classes!

### Positive Discipline for Young Children

How to set limits and help children learn from consequences. What is reasonable to expect? Which limits are appropriate? How can I be more consistent? We will discuss all the aspects of discipline, so that you can feel more confident about your approach.

Wed 11:30am-12:30pm 2/9  
Lunch- Positive Discipline \$25.00

### Toilet Learning

How do I know my child is ready to learn to use the toilet? How do we overcome hurdles or setbacks? What about nighttime training? We will discuss developmental expectations, the teaching that needs to happen before starting the process, the signs of readiness in a child, and what makes the process easier for both child and parent.

Wed 11:30am-12:30pm 3/9  
Lunch- Toilet Learning \$25.00

### Healthy Sleep Habits

Set your child up for healthy sleep habits. How do you know whether your child is getting enough sleep? Sleep provides the foundation that supports learning, emotion regulation and good behavior. We will discuss how much sleep is enough, naps, bedtime routines, how to teach children to stay in their own beds and what to do when they awaken during the night or too early in the morning.

Wed 11:30am-12:30pm 4/13  
Lunch - Healthy Sleep Habits \$25.00

### Feeding Young Children

Good nutrition, mealtime behavior, picky eating, and food sensitivities. Does mealtime feel like a battle sometimes? We will discuss reasonable expectations, strategies for helping kids get the nutrition they need, and the division of responsibility.

Wed 11:30am-12:30pm 5/11  
Lunch- Feeding Young Children \$25.00



# Family Offerings from Edina Community Ed

Learn from community experts on a variety of topics to help build your support network and parenting toolbox. All offered in-person at the Edina Community Center unless specified.

## Handling Misbehavior Without Breaking a Sweat

Explore how to effectively teach children to listen without lectures, threats, bribes or coercions. Investigate how to “mean business” without being mean! This offering is intended for parents of children birth-6 years. *Taught by Andy Johnsrud.*

Thu 6:00 - 8:00 pm Jan 13  
110-344 \$65.00

## Teaching Kids to Listen

Explore how to effectively teach children to listen without lecture, threats, bribes or coercions. Investigate how to “mean business” without being mean! This offering is intended for parents of children birth-6 years. *Taught by Andy Johnsrud.*

Thu 6:00 - 8:00 pm Jan 27  
124-345 \$65

## Understanding ACEs: Building Self-Healing Communities ACE Interface Presentation

Adverse Child Experiences (ACEs) are serious childhood traumas resulting in toxic stress that can harm a child’s brain. You will learn the impact of ACEs and what we can all do to dramatically improve health and resilience for current and future generations. *Taught by FamilyWise Services-More Resilient Minnesota.*

Tue 4:30-6:30pm March 1  
228-393 FREE

Mon 6:30-8:30pm March 7  
228-393 FREE

## Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) 101

*Taught by Fraser Autism Program*

Gain a better understanding of ASD the interventions that promote success with this overview. Participants will be better equipped to deal with the diagnosis and learn about community resources.

Tue 6:00-7:30pm Mar 8  
307-390 \$7.00



## Positive Behavior Support

Designed for those wanting to improve routines and address difficult behaviors, this interactive workshop introduces the approaches of Positive Behavior Support (PBS) including assessment, setting the stage for success, teaching new skills, reinforcing desirable behavior and responding effectively to difficult behavior. *Taught by Fraser Autism Program.*

Tue 6:00-7:30pm Apr 26  
425-391 \$7.00

## Emerging Adulthood Workshop

Designed to provide a brief introduction to the topics frequently addressed as autistic youth transition into adulthood, this class includes the areas of: Health, Housing, Social Skills, Transportation, Daily Living Skills, Employment, and more. *Taught by Fraser Autism Program.*

Tue 6:00-7:30pm May 10  
509-392 \$7.00

## ONLINE: Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience

Join us for a virtual screening event of Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience – a film about helping young people thrive in our screen and stress-filled world. Afterwards, stay for a panel discussion with Natasha Monsaas-Daly, Director of Media and Technology for Edina Public Schools. *Taught by Screenagers.*

Tue 7:00 - 9:00 pm February 8  
207-347 \$9

# Get Involved!

*Calling all Early Learning Parents - You are not only your child's first teacher you are also your child's first advocate and supporter. As such, we invite you to become a part of the Early Learning Center Advisory Council!*

As a part of the Council you will join other parent leaders who are interested in supporting community building and building school culture. We encourage you to connect with us to learn more about this opportunity. We value all voices and look forward to hearing from you!

Things to know:

- We meet up to 7 times per year.
- Childcare is provided.
- A lively, fun atmosphere is guaranteed.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and get connected to others in your community.

**Call 952-848-3960 to learn more!**



*"Serving on the advisory board has been a wonderful experience. I've enjoyed meeting new people and creating a connection to the community that has kept me connected as my children have grown."*

Heather English, Chair of the ELC Advisory Council

## GIVE SO STUDENTS CAN



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# Additional Supports

## Early Childhood Screening

Early childhood years from birth to start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid growth. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is required by the state of Minnesota to be completed before starting kindergarten, and it is a FREE service that usually takes about an hour to complete.

At your child's screening, a trained professional will check the following:

- Vision AND hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunization review
- Large and small muscles/motor skills
- Thinking, language, and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

### To schedule your free screening:

Visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org](http://earlylearning.edinaschools.org) and select "Developmental Screening" under the "Learning" tab.

### Questions?

Contact our Outreach Manager, Tabitha Denison, at [tabitha.denison@edinaschools.org](mailto:tabitha.denison@edinaschools.org) or (952) 848-3985.



## Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is an Edina Public Schools program that provides intervention to young children, from birth to kindergarten, who show developmental delay in the general areas of speech and language, large and fine motor skills, social and emotional behavior, cognitive and/or adaptive skills, or have vision or hearing losses.

### For more information:

Call 952-848-4231 or email Kate Strand, ECSE Coordinator at [kate.strand@edinaschools.org](mailto:kate.strand@edinaschools.org).



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# This is the beginning of their world-class Edina Education!

## Preschool and Family Education

*Registration opens January 25 for 2022-23 school year*

Programs to help every learner reach their full potential. Join us to foster growth and build your community of support.

- Play-based learning
- Parent/child classes
- Daily add-ons including enrichment and child care
- Special community events

Visit the website for details about classes and upcoming opportunities:

[edinaschools.org/  
EarlyLearning](https://edinaschools.org/EarlyLearning)

## Features of Edina Elementary Schools

*See how Edina is defining excellence right from the start!*

- Academic support to promote success
- Academic challenge to engage and grow all
- Relationship-focused teachers
- Social and emotional learning and supports
- Maker Spaces and Media Specialists in every school
- Cutting edge technology
- Leadership opportunities
- Service learning
- French Immersion
- Multi-Age/Continuous Progress Program
- New program options under development!

## Kindergarten Enrollment is happening now!

Learn more about our neighborhood and choice kindergarten options, and find registration information and materials online:

[edinaschools.org/Kindergarten](https://edinaschools.org/Kindergarten)



I might be biased, but I think we have some of the best in the world here in EPS! Thank you for giving my children a world class education.”

Thank you to all of the Edina Staff for the excellent communication and expert adaptability during this time. We are so grateful for the high-quality education and thoughtful role modeling from teachers, administrators, and other personnel that our child continues to receive in the Edina School District.”



952-848-4585  
[edinaschools.org/enrollment](https://edinaschools.org/enrollment)



# Registration Information

Set up an account at our database prior to registration. Then, when registration opens, log on, select your classes and complete the process. Keep in mind to explore classes based on your child's age as of 9/1/2022.

## Set Up Your Account:

Create an account at [edina.ce.eleyo.com](http://edina.ce.eleyo.com) or Log in to verify or update your information

## Registration Opens at 8:00 am:

January 25 (for Edina residents)

February 1 (for our neighbors)

There is a \$50 registration fee for year-long classes.



## Financial Assistance

### ECFE Classes - Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in the catalog is the most a family will pay.

Annual Household Income	Participant Pays
\$0-\$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000-\$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000-\$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price

### Non-ECFE Classes - Scholarship

For classes without a parenting component, financial assistance is available in the form of preschool scholarship for qualifying families.

Please visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register](http://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register) and select "Financial Assistance" at the top menu. You can also contact our Outreach Manager at 952-848-3985 for more information.

### More information

For all billing information and policies, please visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register](http://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register)

## Location



### We are in the Edina Community Center:

5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424  
Park in the Green Lot and enter Door 5

## Have questions? Ask us!

**Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm**

**Email:** [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org)

**Call:** (952) 848-3908



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# Come over for a Play Date!

We'd love to meet you and show you around!

## Early Learning Center Open Houses

**Tuesday, January 18, 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Saturday, January 22, Noon - 2pm**

5701 Normandale Road, Edina  
Park in the Red Lot on the east side  
Enter Door 5



## Can't make the open house? Schedule a tour!

Take a personalized tour to learn about our school. Tours are usually available before 9:00 am and after 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

### To Schedule:

Email [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org).

In the subject line write "ELC Tour Request" and in the body of the email include at least three preferred dates for your tour.



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