

White Bear Lake Area Schools
2022-2023
Preschool
Registration Guide



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Four-Star Rated
Parent Aware Program
Proudly Using
Best Practices for
Preparing Children
for Kindergarten

Early Childhood
Where BEARS Begin



Program Information

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White Bear Lake Area Preschool

A Place to Learn, Grow, and Prepare for Kindergarten

White Bear Lake Area Preschool provides a safe and nurturing environment for a child's first school experience away from home.

Age-appropriate activities provide a variety of meaningful hands-on learning experiences in the areas of reading and math readiness, science and social studies, art and sensory, music, and dramatic play. This positive preschool experience allows children to make a successful transition to kindergarten.

White Bear Lake Area Preschool practices are aligned with the White Bear Lake Area School District kindergarten expectations.

Bienvenidos! Un Lugar para Aprender, Crecer y Prepararnos para el Kinder

La escuela Preescolar de White Bear Lake provee un ambiente seguro y maternal para la primera experiencia de los estudiantes fuera de su hogar. Las actividades, apropiadas para la edad de los niños, proveen la oportunidad para aprendizaje significativo en las áreas de preparación para el Kinder: en las matemáticas, lectura, ciencias naturales y sociales, arte, música, juego dramático, y educación física. Esta experiencia positiva de preescolar apoye una transición exitosa al Kinder para los niños que participen.

Ib Qhov Chaw Kawm, Txhawb nqa, Thiab Pab Rau Qib Kindergarten

White Bear Lake Area Preschool muaj txoj kev nyab xeeb thiab txhawb nqa pab rau menyuum txoj kev kawm rau lub sij hawm thaum menyuum tsis nyob hauv vaj hauv tsev.

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White Bear Lake Area Preschool txoj kev qhia ntawv yog muaj raws li lub tuam ntawv White Bear Lake Area School District cov ntaub ntawv kawm nyob qib kindergarten.

Contact Information

Programs, Registration, Events & Class Openings

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Early Childhood

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Preschool Sites

Birch Lake Elementary - BL

1616 Birch Lake Ave, White Bear Lake

Normandy Park Ed. Center - NP

2482 County Rd F East, White Bear Lake

Lakeaires Elementary - LK

3963 Van Dyke St, White Bear Lake

Tamarack Nature Center - TAM

5287 Otter Lake Rd, White Bear Township

Oneka Elementary - OE

4888 Heritage Parkway N, Hugo

Otter Lake Elementary - OT

1401 County Rd H2 E, White Bear Lake

Vadnais Heights Elementary - VH

3645 Centerville Rd, Vadnais Heights

Willow Lane Elementary - WL

3375 Willow Ave, White Bear Lake

White Bear Lake Area Preschool

White Bear Lake Area Preschool offers school-year long classes. The program includes:

- Licensed teachers and trained assistants in every classroom
- Low child/teacher ratio
- Ongoing assessment using *Teaching Strategies Gold* to measure students growth in all areas of early childhood development
- *Creative Curriculum* used in all classes
- On-site specialists to meet individual needs
- Outdoor play areas and gyms designed and equipped especially for young children
- Families are welcome to tour the preschool sites at their convenience. Please call 651-653-3100 to schedule a preschool tour.

Early Childhood Special Education

Special Education services are provided free of charge to children birth to age five. Children younger than three are generally seen at home by teachers and specialists. Services for children 3-5 years old may include:

- Integrated classroom opportunities
- Speech/Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Home visits/community resource information
- Multi-disciplinary educational assessments
- Call 651-653-3100 for more information.

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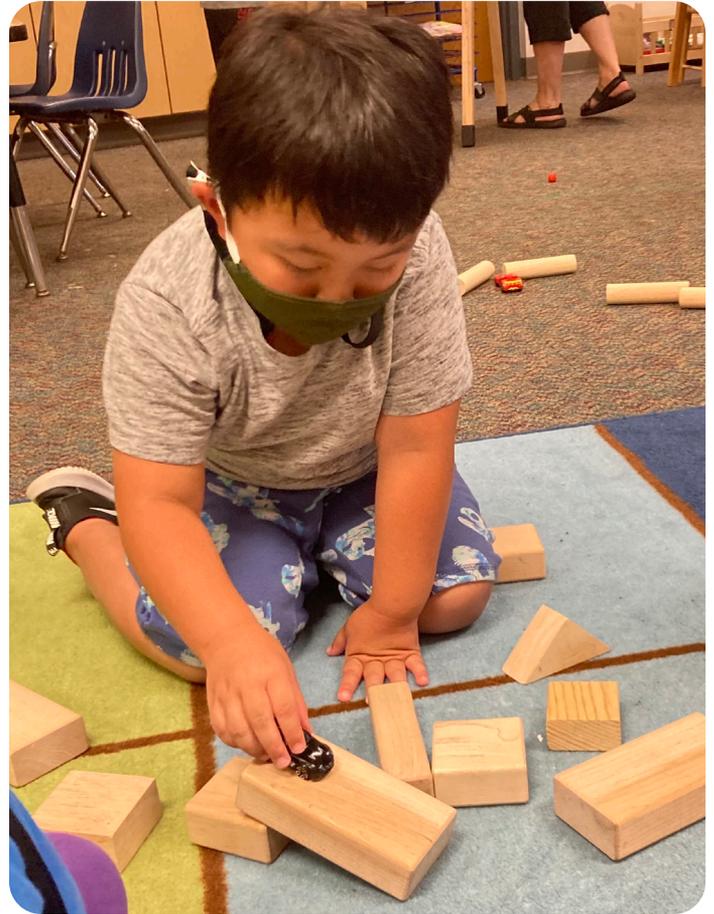
Three-year-olds

Children should be mostly bathroom independent, knowing when they need to use the bathroom, and are having few accidents.

Four-year-olds

Children need to be completely toilet trained.

** Special circumstances are accommodated due to medical needs or children on an IEP.*



Our preschool has a Four-Star Rating... the highest attainable!

White Bear Lake Schools' Preschool programs have earned a Four-Star Parent Aware rating. Parent Aware's Star Ratings help parents find programs that go above and beyond to prepare children for school and life.



To Earn a Four-Star Rating: Schools must prove they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing kids for kindergarten by:

- Obtaining extra in-depth training.
- Building strong, caring relationships with each child.
- Adopting the latest approaches in keeping children's learning on track.
- Committing to daily activities and routines that help children learn and grow.
- Focusing on children's health and safety.

Learn more at www.parentaware.org.

Full Day Preschool

Full Day Preschool - Mon-Fri

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2022

This full day, year-before-kindergarten program is designed to help children prepare to enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful. Children who are four years old on or before September 1 of the current school year and are toilet trained are eligible to enroll.

Children work on listening, personal and social development, language and literacy, thinking and math skills through guided play, group time, and social interaction. Activities include language arts, math, science, art, large muscle (gym/outside), dramatic play, blocks, and music.

White Bear Lake Early Childhood Preschool Includes:

- Minnesota Licensed teachers and trained assistants in every class
- Ongoing assessment using *Teaching Strategies Gold* to measure students growth in all area of early childhood development
- *Creative Curriculum* in all classes
- The conscious discipline framework for social emotional learning

Program Hours at Elementary Sites:

Mon - Fri, 7:45 am - 2:15 pm

Program Sites: Birch, Lakeaires, Oneka, Otter

Dates: September 12, 2022 - June 2, 2023
(follows the WBL preschool calendar)

Cost: \$730 per month

Extended Day

Families who are registered for full day preschool can register for Extended Day at elementary school sites. Registration for 2022-2023 opens April 1 on a first come, first serve basis. For information about Extended Day hours and rates call **651-407-7511** or visit **communityservices.isd624.org**.

Transportation options may be available for full day preschool students who attend full day preschool at their home elementary school. The transportation department will determine if you qualify.



School Readiness Plus - 4 year old Preschool

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2022

This is a year-before-kindergarten preschool option for students who live within the Birch Lake, Willow Lane, or Vadnais Heights Elementary school boundaries. In order to enroll in this preschool at a reduced rate, a student must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- Homeless
- Foster Care
- English Language Learner
- At-risk Early Childhood Screening score
- Income

If your student does not meet any of these criteria, your child(ren) is still eligible to attend for a fee. The cost will be based on our School Readiness Plus sliding fee scale. For more information or to register call 651-653-3100.

Program Hours at Elementary Sites:

Mon - Fri, 7:45 am - 2:15 pm

Program Sites: Birch, Willow, and Vadnais

Dates: September 12, 2022 - June 2, 2023
(follows the WBL preschool calendar)

Full Day Preschool - M/W/F

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2022

This preschool program is offered at Oneka Elementary and Normandy Park Education Center.

Oneka Elementary

Dates: September 12, 2022 - June 2, 2023
(follows the WBL preschool calendar)

Days: Mon/Wed/Fri

Hours: 7:45 am - 2:15 pm

Additional Options: May qualify for transportation, Access to Nutrition Services, and Extended Day offered at this location

Cost: \$520 per month

Location: 4888 Heritage Parkway, Hugo

Normandy Park Education Center

Dates: September 12, 2022 - June 2, 2023
(follows the WBL preschool calendar)

Days: Mon/Wed/Fri

Hours: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Additional Options: *Students must bring their own lunch everyday* No Extended Day offered at this location
*No bus to this location

Cost: \$520 per month

Location: 2482 County Road F East, White Bear Lake



Class Fees

Class fees are based on the program costs for the entire year. Parents will be invoiced a monthly fee based on program costs. Payments are due the first day of each month. Tamarack Nature Preschool fees are higher to cover the costs of a Ramsey County Naturalist. There is an additional one time non-refundable fee of \$100.00 for out of district residents attending Tamarack Nature Center Preschool.



Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance is available for families who need help paying for preschool.

Scholarship Applications are available at our main Early Childhood office at:

**Normandy Park Education Center
2482 County Road F East
White Bear Lake, MN 55110**

For scholarship information available in other languages, call 651-665-0150 or 1-866-807-6021

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Half Day Preschool



Half Day Nature Preschool

For 3-5 year olds

The program at Tamarack Nature Center revolves around nature - learning from it, about it and within it. Classes include the implementation of our Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold assessment in their daily outdoor experiences. A Tamarack Naturalist is an integral and collaborative member of the teaching team.

Hoppers - 3-4 year olds (Age 3 by Sept 1, 2022)

T/TH 8:30 - 11 am TAM

Jumpers - 3 year olds (Age 3 by Sept 1, 2022)

T/TH 8:30 - 11 am TAM

Leapers - 3½-5 year olds (Age 3½ by Sept 1, 2022)

M/W/F 8:30 - 11 am TAM

Skippers - 3½-5 year olds (Age 3½ by Sept 1, 2022)

T/TH 12:30 - 3 pm TAM

Rompers - 3-4 year olds (Age 3 by Sept 1, 2022)

M/W 8:30 - 11 am TAM

Bounders - 4-5 year olds (Age 4 by Sept 1, 2022)

M/W/F 12:30 - 3 pm TAM

**Tamarack Nature Center, 5287 Otter Lake Rd,
White Bear Township**

Tamarack has an outdoor Nature Play Area and Discovery Garden with daily nature exploration activities.

Half Day 3 Year Old Classes

Age 3 by Sept 1, 2022

This preschool opportunity will allow children time to practice social skills as they begin to interact, cooperate, and develop their first friendships. Classroom activities will include a focus on turn-taking, sharing, playing games, pretend play, small and large group learning.

T/TH - A 8:30 - 11 am NP

T/TH - B 8:30 - 11 am NP

M/W 8:30 - 11 am NP

T/TH 12:30 - 3 pm NP

T/TH 8:30 - 11 am OE

T/TH 12:30 - 3 pm OE

Half Day 4-5 Year Old Classes

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2022

Classes are focused on helping children become independent learners and giving them the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten. Curriculum is designed to address all areas of development and reinforce mastery of skills required for kindergarten readiness.

T/W/TH 8:30 - 11 am NP

T/W/TH 12:30 - 3 pm NP

M-TH 12:30 - 3 pm NP

T/W/TH 8:30 - 11 am OE

M-TH 12:30 - 3 pm OE

Preschool class times are subject to change based on school start times and/or availability of transportation for our special education preschoolers.

ECFE Parent-Child Classes

2022-2023 Registration

The ECFE brochure with class descriptions, registration information, and materials will be available in late April or early May.

ECFE registration begins Tuesday, May 3.

whitebear.ce.eleyo.com

2022-2023 Registration

Registration begins March 1 at 8 am

- Registrations will be accepted online at www.whitebear.ce.eleyo.com or in-person at Normandy Park Education Center

Registrations MUST include the following items or your enrollment will not be accepted

- A non-refundable \$65 registration fee
- Copy of birth certificate (*new families only*)
- Current immunization record ***required every year**
Fax: 651-653-3155
- A completed Early Childhood Screening or an appointment made. Screening must be completed before beginning preschool.
- If you have any questions, call 651-653-3100

How To Register for Preschool

To register for preschool, visit the White Bear Lake Area Schools Community Services & Recreation registration website at whitebear.ce.eleyo.com. A confirmation email will be sent when your student has been placed in their class and your payment account will be charged.

(This process can take up to 15 business days)



Payment Options

We offer payment options to assist families with payments. Payments are due the first of each month.

Students outside of the White Bear Lake Area School District boundary attending Tamarack Nature Preschool, will be charged an additional non-refundable \$100.00 fee.

Half Day Preschool		
9- Monthly Payments by Building		
Days	Building	Payment
2 days/week	NP/OE	\$180
2 days/week	TAM	\$260
3 days/week	NP/OE	\$250
3 days/week	TAM	\$360
4 days/week	NP/OE	\$320

Full Day Preschool		
9- Monthly Payments by Building		
Days	Building	Payment
3 days/week	NP/OE	\$520
5 days/week	BL/LK/NS/OT/ OE/VH/WL	\$730



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Early Childhood Screening

Screen at Three

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten. White Bear Lake Area School District provides this screening at no charge.

3 reasons to screen at age 3

- Screening can help ensure school success
- If health or developmental concerns are identified, educational services are readily available
- It is fun for children and provides caregivers with valuable information regarding child development

Register online at whitebear.ce.eleyo.com or call 651-653-3100 with your child's name, date of birth, your name, and phone number.

Early Childhood Screenings are held at:
 Normandy Park Education Center
 2482 County Road F East, White Bear Lake, MN 55110



Screening Procedure

Screening is being done in a one-on-one format. We suggest one parent accompany the child and no siblings at screening appointments.

- Plexiglass screens and masks are used by screening staff.
- All materials are cleaned in between appointments.
- Masks are required for adults and children.

If you have questions about our current screening procedures, please call Darcy at 651-653-3102 for more information.

Upcoming Screening Dates

March 2022

4th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 18th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 25th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 26th 8:30 - 10:30 am (Saturday)

April 2022

1st 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 22nd 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 29th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm

May 2022

13th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 20th 8:30 am - 2:15 pm
 21st 8:30 - 10:30 am (Saturday)

Register online at whitebear.ce.eleyo.com
 or call 651-653-3100