

EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS

Inspiring each student every day

Forest Hills is committed to inspiring EACH student every day

Students come to Forest Hills with unique talents and perspectives and leave with reinforced confidence and an eagerness to learn more. We work hard to inspire our students because they inspire us every single day. Together with our strong parent community, we guide our scholars to take ownership of their learning while exploring their interests and finding new passions.







Why do families love Eden Prairie Schools?



Outstanding parent approval

Our excellent teaching staff has a 98% approval rate among parents.



Committed to low class sizes

Our schools have among the lowest average kindergarten and 1st grade class sizes in the west metro.



Top-rated school district

Eden Prairie Schools earned the highest-possible rating of "A+" from *Niche.com*.

The Forest Hills Difference

Be safe. Be responsible. Be kind.

A positive, welcoming and collaborative atmosphere awaits students at Forest Hills Elementary. Teachers and staff nurture students' love for learning while challenging them to work at their highest potential. We have built a reputation for successfully bringing out the best in every student. Thanks to our dedicated teaching staff, we are constantly employing new practices and techniques in Forest Hills classrooms.



What do parents have to say?

"I am proud my children are among the students at Forest Hills and are receiving a vital education for their future."

- Zahrah Aden, parent

"Our daughter has loved every staff member that she has met at Forest Hills — teachers, librarians, people in the lunchroom, everybody. That makes for a happy kid who wants to go to school each day. All of these staff members have been responsive to our family's needs and the needs of Forest Hills' diverse community. That was a big draw for us."

- Renee Divine, parent



A Culture of Excellence

Our staff creates a school environment in which each student feels safe and supported. By emphasizing both social-emotional and academic learning, teachers enhance and extend each student's learning experience beyond the classroom.



Enriching Special Courses

Specialists in art, music, physical education and Spanish meet with students throughout the year to explore talents, develop positive attitudes, foster creative expression and encourage self esteem.









At Forest Hills, we're full of Eagle Pride

Forest Hills is a wonderful place for students, staff and families. What makes us an excellent school?

- A core curriculum of heart and mind: We help students reach their highest potential through caring classroom communities and opportunities that promote student leadership.
- **Growth Mindsets for Learning:** We emphasize the five growth mindsets—flexibility, resilience, empathy, optimism, and persistence—across all subjects.
- **4Cs**: Our teaching practices emphasize the 4Cs: creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. These are the skills essential for both career and citizenship.
- A variety of learning spaces indoors and out: Our MakerSpace allows students to create, invent, tinker, and explore using a variety of tools and materials. We also learn outside in our beautiful courtyard to discover nature and unique resources as we make the best use of our Minnesota weather.
- **Personalized Learning**: At Eden Prairie Schools, we believe each learner has unique talents and gifts. Teachers work to nurture student strengths, while students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and explore their interests and passions.
- **Mindfulness**: Students engage in mindfulness strategies throughout the day to help reduce stress, improve attention and promote overall student wellness. Our sensory path helps learners to be active and increase their focus in the classroom.
- **Gifted Programming**: Students identified for our Key (grades 3-5) and Young Scholars (K-5) programs engage in rigorous enrichment lessons that integrate multiple content areas, critical thinking skills, and elements of depth and complexity. Students participating in one of many talent development sessions engage in lessons focused on one strong content area.
- **Orchestra, choir and band**: Students engage in musical education each week. Eden Prairie Schools is one of the few area districts to offer orchestra at the elementary level.

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Interested in preschool at Forest Hills?

Visit www.edenpr.org/preschool

to learn more.

Parent Involvement

Forest Hills and our Parent Teacher Organization work collaboratively to enhance the educational environment for students. The PTO has supported funding for a school-wide Makerspace, the outdoor courtyard, field trips, service learning projects, Media Center resources, flexible learning spaces, the Guided Reading Library, the Sensory Path, and various classroom activities throughout the year. There are three community-building events throughout the year. We encourage our families to be involved in the Forest Hills community; follow us on Twitter @ForestHillsEP.

Learning from the best:

75%

of teachers have master's degrees or higher Principal

Connie Hytjan pre-K-5 grades

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Ready to register?

We're excited for you to join the Eden Prairie family! Visit us online at <u>edenpr.org/register</u> or visit us in person at 8100 School Road in Eden Prairie (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Registration questions? Contact our Welcome Center:

952-975-7008 or email register4ep@edenpr.org

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