

School District 197

WAY TO GROW

For Families & Young Children Birth to Pre-Kindergarten

Registration Begins
August 18
(see page 12)



2022-2023 School Year

ECFE Fall Semester Begins September 12

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Need more information?
Give us a call!
651-403-8390

Early Learning Program Office
1970 Christensen Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118
651-403-8353
aleshia.leivermann@isd197.org
Hearing Impaired Assistance: Use MN Relay Service

Were you mailed this brochure? If not...

Add your children to the School District's census by calling 651-403-7009. Information requested for the census includes family name, address, phone number, children's names and children's birthdates. Once you are included in the census, we can mail you *Way to Grow* as well as other District publications. In addition, you will be notified when it's time for Early Childhood Screening (beginning at age 3 and required for kindergarten entrance), and the elementary school in your area will expect your child when it's time for kindergarten.

Use of Photos: We honor requests not to publish photos and/or videos of specific students. Submit such requests in writing to:
District 197 Early Learning and Family Resource Center, 1970 Christensen Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118

Early Learning News - Laurie Hume *Assistant Director - Early Learning*



Welcome Early Learning Families! It is a new year and we are excited by the variety of interesting and fun classes we have to offer. You will notice that we are publishing a full year catalog this year. We want to give our families the opportunity to plan ahead when participating in ECFE this year. We will post registration reminders on our website when the registration period opens. We will also send out flyers in the mail and electronically to remind families of the new classes starting each semester. We hope you will find this helpful.

This year we will again have our monthly parent meetings for all early learning families. Topics for the meetings will be determined at the October meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to get feedback from families and to provide information to families on topics of interest. Early Learning parent meetings are informal and parents can attend in person or virtually. The dates for the early learning parent meetings are: October 12, November 9, January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 12. Meetings are 6:00-7:15 pm. Topics, agendas, and online links will be sent out prior to each meeting. I look forward to seeing you and your children in our classes this year.

Early Learning Class Locations

Our Early Learning and Family Resource Center is located at 1970 Christensen Ave. West St. Paul, MN 55118. Our website is www.isd197.org/schools. Please note: Early Learning classes are also offered at Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School in Eagan at 1436 Lone Oak Rd. Eagan, MN 55121

ECFE Program Update

New for School Year 2022-2023: we have included a full year of classes in one brochure. We will still offer two separate class semesters with separate registration for each. Please see the class grid on page 6 for the Fall class schedule and page 7 for the Winter & Spring class schedule. We will send out a reminder by email and postcard in December for the second semester registration taking place the first week of January.



ECFE Program/Registration Updates

ECFE Online Registration Requests for Fall Classes – August 18-21, 2022

Initial ECFE registration requests will be accepted at tridistrict.ce.eleyo.com beginning on Thursday, August 18. While creating your registration request, you will be able to indicate your class preference as well as make an alternate class selection. Payment information will be required during registration, however, your payment will not be processed until your registration request is approved. Computer-generated class placement by lottery will begin Monday, August 22. Approval email notices will be sent by Thursday, August 25. When you receive an email confirmation of approval, your payment will be processed.

ECFE Registrations following the initial registration and class placement period will be accepted until classes are filled.

Alternative to Online Registration

Online registration will provide you with the most efficient processing of your registration. If you do not have access online, you may contact our main office at 651-403-8390 or 651-403-8353 to register. Please note that phone-in registrations will be placed the same week, offering an equal advantage for ECFE class placement.

About ECFE

ECFE is a program that offers parents and their children from birth to pre-kindergarten opportunities to grow and learn together in a supportive, stimulating environment. ECFE also supports families in learning to find time for one another, having fun together, being proud of who they are, and knowing they are not alone. You will find fall semester classes and more information about ECFE in this section of the brochure. Information on preschool options can be found on pages 16-17.

What are ECFE classes like?

Classes are held in the mornings, afternoons and evenings. Most sessions last 1½ to 2 hours. A typical session begins with time for parents and children to enjoy classroom activities together. Then, children play and learn under the supervision of a licensed early childhood teacher, while parents share experiences and ideas with other parents and a licensed parent educator.



What do we know about the effectiveness of ECFE?

Participant feedback and current research show that ECFE is a major resource to families with young children. It sets the stage for parent involvement and children's success in K-12 education. It has proven effective with a variety of families, and many even believe that ECFE creates more caring communities as it brings families from diverse backgrounds together around their common goals as parents. School District 197 is serious about supporting families and children. Let us know how we can serve you better!

How do I register for ECFE?

Please see the registration instructions on pages 12-13.

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

The Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) is a group of volunteer parents who assist in promoting the goals of ISD 197 Early Learning Programs. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact the Early Learning Program office at 651-403-8350.



Find us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/ELAC197

Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Special Education Services are provided for children birth through kindergarten. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development please call:

- **Birth to Three Special Services Team:**
651-403-8390
- **Early Intervention Services**
For children age 3 through kindergarten:
651-403-8390

Free Drop-In Classes

Drop-in Storytime - Parent(s) with children age 30 months - 5 Years | Fridays, September 16 - November 11 (8 weeks - No classes on October 21)
Early Learning & Family Resource Center -
1970 Christensen Ave, WSP | 9:30-10:30 am

Story Time provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to enjoy books and literacy-related activities with other children and parents. Each class features a new story that helps children develop their listening ability and is followed by fun activities that support the story and spark children's imagination and creativity.

Registration is requested to ensure adequate space and materials for activities. It's okay if you register early and are unable to attend a session. Sibling care will not be available for these classes.



Free Baby Drop-in Playtime!

Parent(s) with babies age birth to 12 months

Fridays, September 16 - October 28 (6 weeks - No classes on October 21)

Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School - 1436 Lone Oak Road, Eagan | 9:30-11:00 am

Come and play with your baby and meet other parents and their babies. Find out about community resources and ask all of your new parent questions. The room will be set up with toys and activities that will encourage your child's development in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. No worries about getting to class on time, just come when you can and stay as long as you like. Parents expecting a new baby are welcome too!

For more information, call the Early Learning and Family Resource Center at 651-403-8390 or in Espanol 651-403-8366.

Tiempo de Juego Gratuito para bebés! - Padre con bebés desde el nacimiento hasta los 12 meses. Viernes, del 18 Septiembre al 16 de Octubre 28 (6 semanas - No hay clases el 21 de octubre) en la Escuela Magnet Pilot Knob STEM - 1436 Lone Oak Road, Eagan. 9:30-11:00 am

Ven a jugar con tu bebé y a conocer a otros padres y sus bebés. Entérese de los recursos de la comunidad. La sala estará acomodada con juguetes y actividades que favorezcan el desarrollo de su hijo en un ambiente divertido y relajado. No se preocupe por llegar a clase a tiempo, sólo venga cuando pueda y quédese el tiempo que desee.

Para mayor información, llamar al Centro de Recursos de la Familia y Educación Temprana en Español 651-403-8366 o en inglés 651-403-8390.

ECFE Schedule

Fall 2022 Semester

Registration begins August 18-21, 2022.

ECFE North: Early Learning and Family Resource Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Busy Bodies (13-24 months) 11 wks, Sept 12-Jan 9 9:15-10:45 am	I Can Do It! (24-36 months) 13 wks, Sept 13-Jan 10 9:15-10:45 am	Toddler Two's (20-30 months) 14 wks, Sept 14-Jan 11 9:15-10:45 am	Makers & Movers (30 months - 5 yrs) 14 wks, Sept 15-Jan 12 9:30-11:30 am	Drop-In Storytime (30 months - 5 yrs) 8 wks, Sept 16-Nov 11 9:30-10:30 am STEAM (3-5 yrs) 6 wks, Nov 18-Jan 13 9:30-10:30 am
Celebrating Families - M/W Day 1 (3-5 yrs) 11 wks, Sept 12-Jan 9 12:00-2:00 pm	Three & More (3-5 yrs) 13 wks, Sept 13-Jan 10 12:00- 1:30 pm	Celebrating Families - M/W Day 2 (3-5 yrs) 14 wks, Sept 14-Jan 11 12:00-2:00 pm		
	<i>In Person Class</i> Makers & Movers (30 months - 5yrs) 6 wks, Sept 20- Nov 1 5:00-6:30 pm <i>Virtual Online Class</i> Make & Take (30 months - 5yrs) 6 wks, Nov 15-Jan 10 5:00-5:45 pm	Building Bridges Espanol (3-5 años) 14 wks, Sept 28-Jan 11 5:00-6:30 pm		No Class Dates: October 3, 17-21 November 7-8, 21-25 December 19-30 Jan 2

ECFE South: Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I Can Do It! (24 - 36 months) 11 wks, Sept 12-Jan 9 9:15-11:15 am	Toddler Twos (20-30 months) 13 wks, Sept 13-Jan 10 9:15-11:00 am	Makers & Movers (30 months-5 yrs) 14 wks, Sept 14-Jan 11 9:15-11:15 am	Busy Bodies (13-24 months) 14 wks, Sept 15-Jan 12 9:15-10:45 am	Baby Drop-In (Birth-12 months) 8 wks, Sept 16-Nov 11 9:30 am-11:00 am
Three & More (3-5 yrs) 11 wks, Sept 12-Jan 9 12:00-1:30 pm	I Can Do It! (24 - 36 months) 13 wks, Sept 13-Jan 10 12:00-1:30 pm	Raising Readers (3-5 yrs) 7 wks, Sept 12-Nov 2 11:30-12:45 pm Transportation (3-5 yrs) 7 wks, Nov 9-Jan 11 12:00-1:30 pm	No Class Dates: October 3, 17-21 November 7-8, 21-25 December 19-30 Jan 2	Baby & Me Birth-12 months 6 wks, Nov 18-Jan 13 9:30-10:30 am

ECFE Schedule

Winter/Spring 2023 Semester

Registration begins in January, 2023

ECFE North: Early Learning and Family Resource Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Busy Bodies (13-24 months) 16 wks, Jan 23-May 22 9:15-10:45 am	I Can Do It! (24-36 months) 16 wks, Jan 24-May 23 9:15-10:45 am	Toddler Two's (20-30 months) 15 wks, Jan 25-May 17 9:15-10:45 am	Makers & Movers (30 months - 5 yrs) 14 wks, Feb 2-May 18 9:30-11:30 am	Free Storytime (30 months - 5 yrs) 6 wks, Jan 3-Mar 17 9:30-10:30 am Art Adventures (30 months - 5 yrs) 6 wks, Apr 7-May 19 9:30-10:30 am
Celebrating Families - Day 1 (3-5 yrs) 16 wks, Jan 23-May 22 12:00-2:00 pm	Three & More (3-5 yrs) 16 wks, Jan 24-May 23 12:00- 1:30 pm	Celebrating Families - Day 2 (3-5 yrs) 15 wks, Jan 25-May 17 12:00-2:00 pm		
	<i>Virtual Online Class</i> Make & Take (30 months - 5yrs) 8 wks, Jan 24-Mar 21 5:00-5:45 pm <i>In Person Class</i> Makers & Movers (30 months - 5yrs) 8 wks, Apr 4-May 23 5:00-6:30 pm	Building Bridges Espanol (3-5 años) 15 wks, Jan 25-May 17 5:00-6:30 pm		No Class Dates: January 26-27 February 20-24 March 24-31 April 28

ECFE South: Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I Can Do It! (24 - 36 months) 16 wks, Jan 23-May 22 9:15-11:15 am	Toddler Twos (20-30 months) 16 wks, Jan 24-May 23 9:15-11:00 am	Makers & Movers (30 months-5 yrs) 15 wks, Jan 25-May 17 9:15-11:15 am	Busy Bodies (13-26 months) 14 wks, Feb 2-May 18 9:15-10:45 am	Baby Drop-In (Birth-12 months) 6 wks, Jan 3-Mar 17 9:30 am-11:00 am
Come & Play at PK! Free Drop-In (30 months - 5 yrs) 16 wks, Jan 23-May 22 12:00-1:30 pm	I Can Do It! (24 - 36 months) 16 wks, Jan 24-May 23 12:00-1:30 pm	Ready to Read, Read, Read! (3-5 yrs) 7 wks, Jan 25-Mar 15 12:00-1:30pm Spring Storytime! (3-5 yrs) 8 wks, Mar 22-May 17 12:00-1:30 pm	No Class Dates: January 26-27 February 20-24 March 24-31 April 28	Baby & Me Class Birth-12 months 6 wks, April 7-May 19 9:30-10:30 am

Babies & Toddlers

ECFE Programs & Age-Specific Classes for Parents & Their Children

Baby & Me Class (Birth-12 Months)

Non-Separating Class

So you have a new baby! Infancy is a very important time in the life of your child as well as a wonderful and challenging time for you. Join other parents of infants and an expert parent educator to talk about your baby's development, safety, feeding, sleep and "me time." Parents and babies stay together with time reserved for songs, fingerplays and stories. This will be a relaxing and informative class where you can ask your questions, share your ideas and meet other families.



FALL SECTION

Fridays, Nov 18-Jan 13 (6 weeks)

9:30-10:30 am

Pilot Knob

SPRING SECTION

Fridays, Apr 7-May 19 (6 weeks)

9:30-10:30 am

Pilot Knob

Toddle Twos (20-30 months)

Your little one will learn through playing with others and enjoying new activities, sights and sounds. You will both enjoy time in the specially designed children's space and get ideas for some great activities you can do at home. **Parents will separate for parent discussion time.**

FALL SECTIONS

Wednesdays, Sept 14-Jan 11 (14 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Tuesdays, Sept 13-Jan 10 (13 weeks)

9:15-11:00 am

Pilot Knob

SPRING SECTIONS

Wednesdays, Jan 12-May 17 (15 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Tuesdays, Jan 24-May 23 (16 weeks)

9:15-11:00 am

Pilot Knob

Busy Bodies (13-24 Months)

Separating Class

Come learn and play with your emerging little person. Learn about activities that hold a toddler's attention and thus can help your child's development. Parent discussions include topics such as: making separation easier, child-proofing your home, and your child's growing need for independence.

FALL SECTIONS

Mondays, Sept 12 -Jan 9 (11 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Thursdays, Sept 15-Jan 12 (14 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Pilot Knob

SPRING SECTIONS

Mondays, Jan 23-May 22 (16 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Thursdays, Feb 2-May 18 (14 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Pilot Knob



Two Year Olds to PreK

ECFE Age-Specific Classes for Parents & Their Children

I Can Do It! (24-36 Months)

Two is the perfect age for you and your little one to be in a parent-child class! Your two-year-old benefits from learning to be around others, and you benefit from support and information that help you nurture a child of this challenging age. This class is a great way to begin to expose your child to new situations and for you to meet other parents. Come and have fun with your child while you grow as a parent! Parents separate from children for parent discussion time.

FALL SECTIONS

Tuesday, Sept 13-Jan 10 (13 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Mondays, Sept 12-Jan 9 (11 weeks)

9:15-11:15 am

Pilot Knob

Tuesday, Sept 13-Jan 10 (13 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob

SPRING SECTIONS

Tuesday, Jan 24-May 23 (16 weeks)

9:15-10:45 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Mondays, Jan 23-May 22 (16 weeks)

9:15-11:15 am

Pilot Knob

Tuesday, Jan 24-May 23 (13 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob

Makers & Movers (30 months - 5 years)

Active and curious, children in this age group are brimming with excitement and questions about their environment. Join families for sessions filled with play, songs, sensory activities, and gym activities. Your child will love the one-on-one attention during the parent-child interaction time.

FALL SECTIONS

Thursdays, Sept 15-Jan 12 (14 weeks)

9:30-11:30 am | Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Wednesdays, Sept 14-Jan 11 (14 weeks)

9:15-11:15 am | Pilot Knob

EVENING SECTIONS

Tuesday Evenings at ELC | 5:00-6:30 pm

Fall Session, Sept 20-Nov 1 (6 weeks)

Spring Session, Apr 4-May 23 (8 weeks)

SPRING SECTIONS

Thursdays, Feb 2-May 18 (14 weeks)

9:30-11:30 am | Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Wednesdays, Jan 25-May 17 (15 weeks)

9:15-11:15 am | Pilot Knob

NIGHT SECTION

Tuesdays, April 4-May 23 | 5:00-6:30 pm

Three and More (3-5 years)

Join other families for a fun class filled with songs, play and stories. Parents will share ideas and concerns and learn of new resources during parent discussion time, which will be facilitated by a parent educator.

FALL SECTIONS

Tuesday, Sept 13-Jan 10 (13 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm | Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Mondays, Sept 12-Jan 9 (11 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm | Pilot Knob

SPRING SECTIONS

Tuesday, Jan 24-May 23 (16 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Mondays, Jan 23-May 22 (16 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm | Pilot Knob



Two Year Olds to PreK

ECFE Age-Specific Classes for Parents & Their Children

Celebrating Families (3 - 5 years)

This class will meet on Monday and Wednesday all year long. During the two-day class, the parenting discussion time will center around ways to strengthen the family and share family virtues and traditions. We will also learn ways to strengthen social emotional skills and reflect on your families core values. Children will have the opportunity to socialize with their peers, play in the gym and work on social emotional learning. (see the sliding fee scale on page 13)

Monday and Wednesday, Sept 12-Jan 11

12:00-2:00 pm

Early Learning & Family Resource Center

Make and Take Virtual Evening Classes (30 months-5 years)

Each week we will have art and other learning experiences for you and your child to do together at home. The activities will be based on some of our favorite children's stories.

Materials will be available for pick up at the Early Learning Center located at 1970 Christensen Avenue in West St. Paul on Thursday, Friday and Monday prior to the Tuesday night class. On Tuesday nights we will gather together virtually on a **Google Meet**. We will sing songs, read books, and have a short parenting session.

EVENING CLASSES

Tuesday Evenings on Google Meet

Fall Session, Nov 15-Jan 10 (6 weeks)

Winter Session, Jan 24-Mar 21 (8 weeks)

5:00-6:30 pm

Raising Readers (3 - 5 years)

Does your child love listening to stories and using their imagination? Raising Readers is the class for you! Each week we will read a book together, do activities and create art projects about our story. Parents will separate for parenting time to discuss literacy development and learning as well as other topics decided by the group. This class will feature a variety of books that are different from those in other ECCE classes. So, sign up for both! Join us to nourish your child's love of literacy and joy of learning.

FALL SECTION

Wednesdays, Sept 12-Nov 2 (7 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob

Transportation (3 - 5 years)

Planes, Trains and Dump trucks! Children will have the opportunity to learn while playing with things they love. We will paint with trucks, sing songs about airplanes, buses and firetrucks, read stories and create transportation vehicles. Each week will be a new and exciting opportunity! Parents will also meet separately with a Parent Educator to explore a variety of parenting topics.

FALL SECTION

Wednesdays, Nov 9-Jan 11 (7 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob

STEAM (30 months - 5 years)

"There are no greater natural scientists and engineers than young children" They are curious and natural explorers. Early exposure to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) supports children's overall academic growth, develops critical thinking and reasoning skills. Weekly activities will revolve around STEAM topics. Spark your child's curiosity and imagination!

FALL SECTION

Fridays, Nov 18-Jan 13 (6 weeks)

9:30-10:30 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center



Two Year Olds to PreK

ECFE Age-Specific Classes for Parents & Their Children

Art Adventures (30 months-5 years)

Children will have the opportunity to explore their creativity through hands-on art experiences. We will paint with salad spinners, have fun with homemade slime, and learn about color mixing. There will also be time for songs and a story.

SPRING SECTION

Fridays, Apr 7-May 19 (6 weeks)

9:30-10:30 am

Early Learning & Family Resource Center



Yoga Calm (3 - 5 years)

Yoga Calm is a blend of physical yoga and mindfulness activities to nurture the social and emotional skills that children need to thrive. It helps kids develop physical fitness, emotional intelligence and healthy habits for a lifetime. Yoga Calm provides a way for the whole family to have healthy fun together and connect with other like-minded families.

SPRING SECTION

Fridays, Jan 25-Mar 21 (8 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob



Spring Storytime (3-5 years)

Story Time provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to enjoy books and literacy-related activities with other children and parents. Each class features a new Spring-themed story that helps children develop their listening ability and is followed by fun springtime activities that support the story and spark children's imagination and creativity around the season of renewal.

SPRING SECTION

Wednesdays, Apr 5-May 17 (7 weeks)

12:00-1:30 pm

Pilot Knob

Did You Know...

The ECFE home visit program includes children from birth through PreKindergarten! ISD 197 families can connect with a licensed educator for support on everything from infant cues to Kindergarten readiness. Visits are FREE and may be virtual or in-person. Contact our office at 651-403-8390 to schedule at time to visit.

ECFE Registration Information



ECFE Registration

Initial registrations accepted August 18-21

Initial ECFE registration requests will be accepted on our online site at <https://tridistrict.ce.eleyo.com> from Thursday, August 18 through Sunday, August 21. While creating your account and ECFE registration request, you will be able to indicate your class preference as well as make an alternate class selection. Payment information will be required during registration, however, your payment will not be processed until your registration request is approved. Computer generated class placement (by lottery) will begin Monday, August 22.

Alternative to Online Registration

If you do not have access online, and would like assistance, you may contact our office at 651-403-8353 or 651-403-8390 (main office) to register. Please note that phone-in registrations will be placed the same week as online registration, therefore offering equal advantage for ECFE class placement.

Registration is for the first semester, from September 12 - January 13

- Most sections require a separate registration each semester.
- If you register online, you will receive an email confirming your class placement upon approval.
- If you register by phone, you will receive a phone confirmation by August 25. Once your registration request is approved, your payment will be processed.

Registration begins August 18 & continues until classes are filled

Following the initial registration and class placement period, registrations will be accepted until classes are filled.

Age Requirements

A child must fit within the age range specified for the class on the first day of that class

For example, to enroll in Busy Bodies (13-24 months) a child must be no younger than 13 months and no older than 24 months on the first day of class.

Class Cancellations & Refunds

Refunds must be requested at least two working days prior to the first class. Refunds are not issued after that time due to commitments made to instructors. Your money will be refunded if the class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment or if the class is filled before your registration is received. Refunds are not issued for classes with registration fees of less than \$15. No refunds are made when classes are cancelled because of weather. **A processing fee of \$10 per class is deducted from any refund made at your request.**

Immunization Requirements

Minnesota requires that all children entering child care, early childhood programs, and elementary or secondary schools (public or private), have up-to-date immunizations on file with the provider. Children enrolled in ISD 197 ECFE programs will be required to provide a copy of an immunization record for each child enrolled prior to the child attending the program. You may use the print out from your physician's office or utilize the form provided online at www.isd197.org/parent-family-hub under *Student Health and Wellness*.

Please email your child's immunization record to debra.lee@isd197.org, fax to 651-403-8310 or bring the immunization record on the first day of class. Any child who does not have up-to-date immunizations on the first day of class may not be allowed to attend. For immunization questions, please call the health office at 651-403-8383.



ECFE Class Fees

The sliding fee scales to the right apply to most ECFE classes described on pages 8-11. Please refer to this scale to determine your fee based on your family income, the hours per class session and the number of weeks the class you are registering for meets. **No one is turned away for inability to pay, and no financial questions are asked. Choose the family income category that best meets your family needs. Please call 651-403-8353 with questions.**

No Sibling Care

As a result of current staffing constraints, we are unable to offer sibling care for ECFE classes at the Early Learning and Family Resource Center or Pilot Knob. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Celebrating Families

Family Income	Semester Fee
\$90,000 and above	\$420
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$336
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$273
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$189
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$147
\$29,999 and under	\$63

13-Week Class / 7-Week Class

Family Income	13 Weeks 1.5 hour	7 Weeks 1.5 hour
\$90,000 and above	\$208	\$112
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$169	\$91
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$130	\$70
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$104	\$56
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$65	\$35
\$29,999 and under	\$26	\$14



16-Week Class

Family Income	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hours
\$90,000 and above	\$192	\$256	\$320
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$144	\$208	\$256
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$128	\$160	\$223
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$96	\$128	\$144
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$48	\$80	\$105
\$29,999 and under	\$16	\$32	\$45

15-Week Class

Family Income	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hours
\$90,000 and above	\$180	\$240	\$300
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$135	\$195	\$240
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$120	\$150	\$210
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$90	\$120	\$135
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$45	\$75	\$105
\$29,999 and under	\$15	\$30	\$45

14-Week Class

Family Income	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hours
\$90,000 and above	\$168	\$224	\$280
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$126	\$182	\$224
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$112	\$140	\$182
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$84	\$112	\$126
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$42	\$70	\$98
\$29,999 and under	\$14	\$28	\$42

11-Week Class

Family Income	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hours
\$90,000 and above	\$132	\$176	\$220
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$99	\$143	\$176
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$88	\$110	\$143
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$66	\$88	\$99
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$33	\$55	\$77
\$29,999 and under	\$11	\$22	\$33

6-Week Class

Family Income	1 hour	1.5 hour	2 hours
\$90,000 and above	\$72	\$96	\$120
\$75,000-\$89,999	\$54	\$78	\$96
\$60,000-\$74,999	\$48	\$60	\$78
\$45,000-\$59,999	\$36	\$48	\$54
\$30,000-\$44,999	\$18	\$30	\$42
\$29,999 and under	\$6	\$12	\$18

Building Bridges Program

For Non-Native Spanish Speakers

For Spanish-speaking families with a child age 3-5

Building Bridges Evening Program - Wednesdays, Sept-May, 5:00-6:30 pm

Building Bridges in Espanol features parent discussions, learning activities for children ages 3-5, activities and homework help for older siblings, special events for families, and the sharing of community-resource information. Partners may include the Dakota County Library System and Dodge Nature Center. Although the program is free, pre-registration is required.

“Building Bridges” en Español presenta discusiones de padres, actividades de aprendizaje para niños de 3 a 5 años, actividades y ayuda con la tarea para hermanos mayores, eventos especiales para familias y el intercambio de información de recursos comunitarios. Los socios pueden incluir el Sistema de Bibliotecas del Condado de Dakota y Dodge Nature Center. Aunque el programa es gratuito, se requiere registro previo.

Wednesdays, September 28-May 17, 5:00-6:30 pm

Los miércoles, Septiembre 28-Mayo 17, 5:00-6:30 pm

*Transportation is available for the Building Bridges class.

**El transporte está disponible para la clase Building Bridges.

Date: ____/____/____ Home language: _____ Translator needed: _____
Fecha Lenguaje en la casa Necesitan intérprete

Parent/Guardian(s) who will attend class (*Padres que asistirán a la clase*):

Full Name: _____
Nombre completo

Phone: (Casa) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
Teléfono (Casa) (Trabajo) (Cel)

Full Name: _____
Nombre completo

Phone: (Casa) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____
Teléfono (Casa) (Trabajo) (Cel)

Children - Please list all children who will attend class or require sibling care (*Escriba los nombres de todos los niños que van a asistir o que requieran cuidado de niños*):

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Nombre del niño/a Fecha de nacimiento

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Nombre del niño/a Fecha de nacimiento

Family Address (*Dirección de la familia*):

Is transportation needed? _____ Yes _____ No
¿Necesitan transporte? Sí No

Please send form to the Early Learning and Family Resource Center
Por favor envíen esta forma al programa de “Early Learning” en Centro de aprendizaje temprano y recursos familiares

Attn: Aleshia Leivermann
1970 Christensen Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118
E-mail: aleshia.leivermann@isd197.org • Phone: 651-403-8353 •

Información sobre los Programas de la Niñez Temprana del Distrito 197

Educación Familiar de la Niñez

Temprana (ECFE) es un programa para padres y sus hijos pre kínder que ofrece oportunidades para crecer y aprender juntos en un ambiente estimulante y lleno de apoyo. Estos programas también apoyan a familias a aprender a encontrar tiempo para sí mismos, divertirse juntos, y estar orgullosos de quiénes son.

¿Cómo son las clases de estos programas?

Las clases son por la mañana, tarde y noche. La mayoría de las clases duran de 1,5 a 2 horas. Una clase típica comienza con tiempo para que padres e hijos disfruten juntos de actividades en la clase. Luego, los niños juegan y aprenden bajo la supervisión de un maestro de primera infancia con licencia, mientras que los padres comparten experiencias e ideas con otros padres y un maestro con licencia sobre cómo ayudar y enseñar a los padres.

La clase "Construyendo puentes" se lleva a cabo los miércoles por la noche en el Centro de recursos familiares y aprendizaje temprano de 5 a 6:30 p. m. Hay transporte a la escuela y cuidado en edad escolar para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta sexto grado. Los niños en edad escolar disfrutarán de actividades divertidas, juegos y ayuda con la tarea. Debe tener al menos un hijo entre las edades de 3-5 para inscribirse en esta clase.

Puede inscribirse en la clase nocturna "Construyendo puentes" (en español) en el Centro de aprendizaje temprano, o en otra clase de ECFE (en inglés) ofrecida en el Centro de aprendizaje temprano o en Pilot Knob School completando el formulario en la página 13 o llamando al 651 -403 -8366 para información de registro. El transporte solo está disponible para la clase Building Bridges en este momento.

Nuestros Programas Preescolares Ofrecen "un Puente para la Escuela"

Los programas preescolares del Distrito 197 proveen "un puente para la escuela" a través de los programas de medio día. Experiencias ricas en aprendizaje en salones bien equipados están presentes todos los días con niños que crecen en un ambiente de una "escuela verdadera." Los preescolares usan la biblioteca y el gimnasio, se juntan con niños de grados kínder a cuarto, asisten a asambleas escolares y eventos especiales, y siguen un horario típico de un niño de kínder el que incluye actividades individuales, como grupos pequeños y grandes. Usted va a encontrar a maestras de calidad y comprensivas que tienen todas las credenciales para enseñar a preescolares.

Nuestro programa Provee...

- Actividades interactivas y la alegría del descubrimiento.
- Programas de Kínder a cuarto grado alineados con nuestro distrito.
- Instrucción apropiada para el desarrollo para asegurar que su hijos esté completamente preparado para entrar al Kínder.
- La fundación para el éxito escolar futuro animando el desarrollo personal, social, y físico; el desarrollo del lenguaje; las habilidades de pre-lectura y pre-escritura; el razonamiento matemático y científico; y el entusiasmo para las ciencias sociales, la música, y el arte.
- La colaboración exitosa con el programa de Minnesota Reading Corps el cual asegura que todos los niños lean competentemente para el tercer grado.

El Programa Preescolar Comunitario también se brinda en el Distrito 197.

Este programa ofrece programas preescolares para niños de 3 y 4 años antes de ingresar al jardín de infantes. Los niños de 3 años tienen un programa matutino de dos días a la semana, y los niños de 4 años tienen clases de 3 a 5 mañanas o tardes a la semana. Para el programa de 3 años, los niños deben tener 3 años antes del 1 de septiembre, y para el programa de 4 años, los niños deben tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre. Estos programas se ofrecen en Early Learning and Family Resource Escuelas Center y Pilot Knob. Llame al 651-403-8366 si desea recibir un folleto y materiales de inscripción por correo.

La asistencia financiera está disponible para las familias que califican.

Hay ciertos requisitos y las familias deben proporcionar prueba de ingresos. Llame al 651-403-8366 para obtener más información o visite www.isd197.org en "Aprendizaje temprano", luego "Preescolar" y luego "Becas".

Preschool Information

Visit our website at www.isd197.org/schools under Early Learning to register for preschool.



Our Preschool Programs Provide a "Bridge to School"

School District 197's preschool programs provide rich learning experiences in well-equipped classrooms. Children thrive in this "real school" environment. Preschoolers use the library, gym, playground, and attend school special events. Preschoolers follow a schedule typical to kindergarten. Our teachers, who are fully credentialed with a bachelor's degree or higher, provide a caring early learning environment.

Our Curriculum Provides...

Interactive activities and the joy of discovery.

- ◆ Interactive activities and the joy of discovery.
- ◆ Program alignment with the district's K-4 curriculum and programs.
- ◆ Developmentally appropriate instruction that fully prepares your child for Kindergarten.
- ◆ The foundation for future school success by encouraging personal, social and physical development; language development; pre-reading and pre-writing skills; mathematical and scientific thinking; and enthusiasm for social studies, music and art.
- ◆ Our Curriculum also helps to ensure that all children are reading proficiently by grade 3.

Community Preschool Programs

Offered at the Early Learning Center and Pilot Knob (Sept-May)

Visit www.isd197.org/schools for the most up to date information. Or call 651-403-8353 or 651-403-8390 (main office) with questions.

ThreeSchool

Children must be 3 by Sept 1

The focus of ThreeSchool is on social skills, exposure to a variety of learning materials and increasing language skills. **Children must be toilet trained.**

PreK

Children must be 4 by Sept 1

PreK provides a variety of experiences for 4 and 5-year-olds which promote social skills and enhance learning. Children learn and grow in a structured preschool environment that fosters school readiness skills that will help them in kindergarten. Our preschool students in the elementary schools follow a schedule typical to kindergarten that includes individual, small- and large-group activities.

Children must be toilet trained.

School Readiness

School Readiness is a program for families in need. The program provides children with a variety of experiences which promote social skills and enhance learning. Certain eligibility requirements apply.

Financial assistance may be available to families who meet School Readiness guidelines

Visit our website at www.isd197.org and click on Schools/Early Learning/Preschool and then the Scholarship tab for an application.

- ◆ Eligibility requirements apply
- ◆ Families must provide proof of income

Preschool Options

Look for the current preschool brochure



EARLY LEARNING AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

1970 Christensen Avenue, West St. Paul

PreKindergarten (Age 4 or older by September 1, 2022)

Monday - Friday	5 full days (Lunch provided)	9:15 am - 3:30 pm
Monday - Friday	5 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	3 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	3 afternoons	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

ThreeSchool (Age 3) or *Mixed Age PreKindergarten (Age 3 ½ & up by Sept 1, 2022)

Tuesday & Thursday	2 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am
*Monday - Friday	5 full days (Lunch Provided)	9:15 am - 3:30 pm

Extended Day options AT ELC ONLY

Extended day offers the opportunity for additional activities and learning opportunities. Children may be dropped off at any time between 7:00-9:15 and picked up between 3:30-5:30.

Extended Day Mornings

7:00am – 9:15am

(Light breakfast provided)

This option is available with a morning or all day section of PreKindergarten or ThreeSchool.

PreKindergarten Extended Day Afternoons

3:30pm – 5:30pm

This option is available with an afternoon or all day section of PreKindergarten.

PILOT KNOB STEM MAGNET SCHOOL

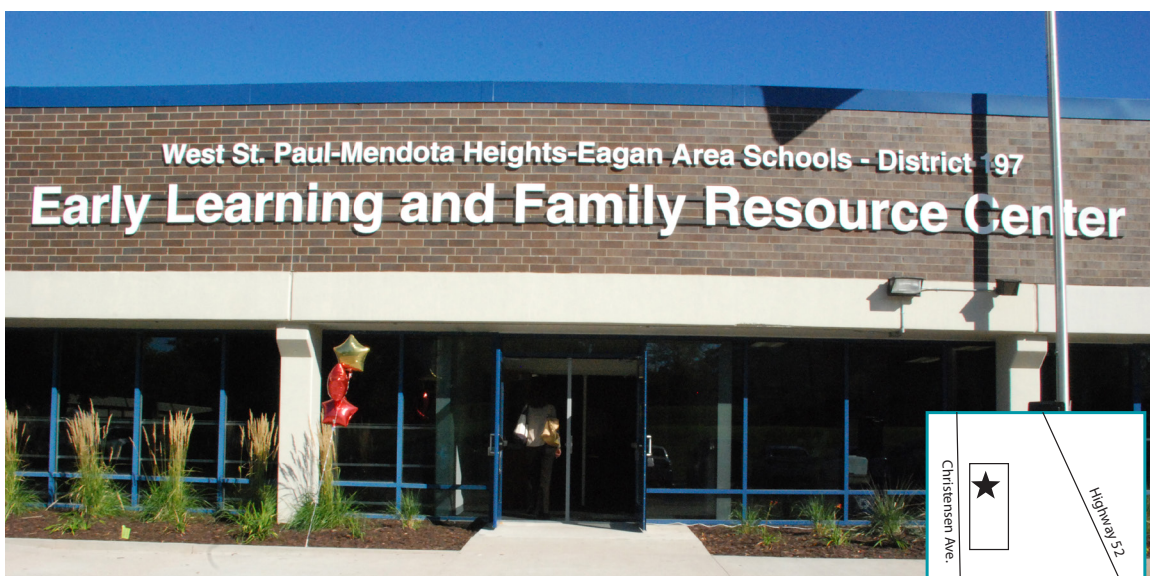
1436 Lone Oak Road, Eagan

PreKindergarten (Age 4 or older by September 1, 2022)

Monday- Friday	5 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	3 afternoons	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

ThreeSchool (Age 3 years by September 1, 2022)

Tuesday & Thursday	2 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	3 mornings	9:15 am - 11:45 am



The Early Learning and Family Resource Center is located at
1970 Christensen Ave West St Paul, MN 55118.

Our website is www.isd197.org/schools.

Please note: Early Learning classes are also offered at Pilot Knob and Moreland



1970 Christensen Ave
West St Paul

School District 197 Administrative Phone Numbers

Peter Olson-Skog	Superintendent of Schools	651-403-7002
Peter Mau	Assistant Superintendent	651-403-7004
Cari Jo Drewitz	Director of Curriculum	651-403-7003
Sara Lein	Director of Special Programs	651-403-7019
Lisa Grathen	Director of Community Education	651-403-8311
Laurie Hume	Assistant Director of Early Learning	651-403-8350
Aleshia Leivermann	Early Learning Program Manager	651-403-8353

School District 197 Elementary Schools

Garlough Environmental Magnet	1740 Charlton St., West St. Paul	651-403-8106
Mendota Elementary	1979 Summit Ln, Mendota Heights	651-403-8006
Moreland Arts & Health Sciences Magnet	217 W Moreland, West St. Paul	651-403-7806
Pilot Knob STEM Magnet	1436 Lone Oak Rd, Eagan	651-403-7906
Somerset Elementary	1355 Dodd Rd, Mendota Heights	651-403-8206

EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHO WE ARE...

We are a group of parents and caregivers who advise, advocate, and fundraise for the Early Learning programs in ISD 197.

WHAT WE DO...

- We hear reports from the administration about curriculum and programming, as well as from member representatives on other district councils
- We provide feedback to the administration about PreK, Three School, and ECCE programs
- We advocate for the parents/caregivers whose children are enrolled in Early Learning Programs
- We put on events for the Early Learning community
- We raise money to purchase teacher wish list items

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN US...

- You can learn more about what is going on in the Early Learning program and in the wider district community
- You can give your opinion on how things operate, and advocate for your children and for those you know
- You can meet new people

If you need a translator, please let us know at laurie.hume@isd197.org or 651-403-8350.

Early Childhood Screening

Recommended at age three. Required by the State of Minnesota within 90 days of school entrance and prior to kindergarten entrance. To make an appointment, call 651-403-8363.



Early Childhood Screening Minnesota Requirement for Kindergarten Entrance

Early childhood screening provides a free overview of your child's development. **The best possible time to have your child screened is about 3 years and before the 4th birthday.** During screening a nurse will check: hearing, vision*, immunization records, cognitive and motor skills, speech/language and communication and social/emotional development. You will be provided with information on your child's development, kindergarten readiness as well as other community resources. Please call our screening office at **651-403-8363** to schedule your child's appointment.

**While screening helps the district identify children who may benefit from available community resources, vision screening, while helpful, is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam.*

If you receive District mailings, you may be contacted after your child's third birthday to make an appointment for him/her to be screened. If you do not currently receive District mailings, please see page 2 for information on adding your name to the District's census. If your child is nearing age four, **call 651-403-8363** for an appointment. In order for your child to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, you will need to provide the school with your child's Early Childhood Screening summary and updated immunization records.

Office Hours - change days to: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Evaluación para la Niñez Temprana del Distrito Escolar 197

Requisito de Minnesota para entrar al Kínder. La evaluación de la Niñez Temprana provee un examen gratis del desarrollo de su hijo. **El mejor momento para esta evaluación es cuando su hijo tenga 3 años y antes de cumplir los 4 años.** Durante esta evaluación, una enfermera revisará: la audición, la visión*, la cartilla de vacunas, las habilidades motoras y cognitivas, el lenguaje/habla y la comunicación, y el desarrollo social y emocional. Usted recibirá información sobre el desarrollo de su hijo, si es que está listo para entrar al kínder, como también otros recursos en la comunidad. Por favor llame al número **651-403-8366** para programar una cita.

**Esta evaluación ayuda al distrito a identificar a niños que puedan beneficiarse de recursos en la comunidad y la evaluación de la visión, y aunque es de beneficio, no sustituye a un examen comprensivo de la vista.*

Location

**Early Learning and Family Resource Center
1970 Christensen Ave.
West St. Paul, MN 55118**

Office Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Phone

651-403-8363



District Map & Early Learning Sites

Early Childhood Family Education North Early Learning and Family Resource Center

1970 Christensen Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118

651-403-8390

Fax: 651-403-8310

Aleshia Leivermann - Manager - Early Learning

aleshia.leivermann@isd197.org

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Early Childhood Family Education South Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School

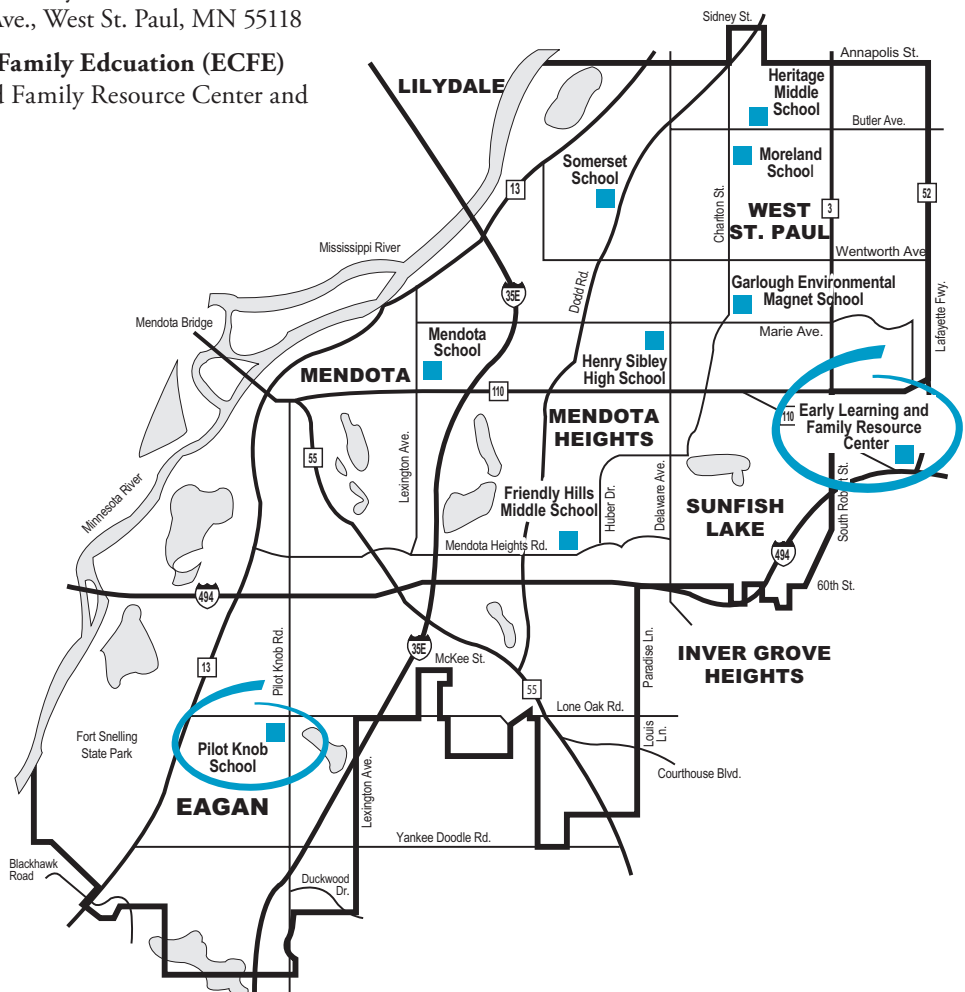
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Hearing Impaired Assistance:

Please use MN Relay Service

Other Early Learning Programs/Sites

- **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)**
Early Learning and Family Resource Center, and Pilot Knob
- **Early Childhood Screening**
Early Learning and Family Resource Center
1970 Christensen Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118
- **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)**
Early Learning and Family Resource Center and
Pilot Knob





DISCOVER 197

The principals and kindergarten teachers from School District 197 are excited to tell you all about our five fabulous elementary schools.



About Us

Our students know they are connected, trusted, and affirmed.

Our students in kindergarten through grade 4 learn in innovative environments that promote curiosity, creativity, and courageous action!



Visit the "Get to Know" pages on each school's website

Call the schools' main offices with specific questions

Fill out and return the enrollment paperwork you received by mail

Request a School District 197 Elementary Overview booklet by calling 651-403-7008

Enrollment Questions?
Call 651-403-7030

Our Elementary Schools

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1740 Charlton St., West St. Paul, MN 55118
garlough.isd197.org • 651-403-8100
- Mendota Elementary School
1979 Summit Ln., Mendota Heights, MN 55118
mendota.isd197.org • 651-403-8000
- Moreland Arts & Health Sciences Magnet
217 W. Moreland Ave., West St. Paul, MN 55118
moreland.isd197.org • 651-403-7800
- Pilot Knob STEM Magnet School
1436 Lone Oak Rd., Eagan, MN 55121
pilotknob.isd197.org • 651-403-7900
- Somerset Elementary School
1355 Dodd Rd., Mendota Heights, MN 55118
somerset.isd197.org • 651-403-8200



Nurture. Inspire. Prepare. Together, we thrive!

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AUGUST	
9	Primary Election-No meetings from 6:00-8:00pm
25-26	New Teacher Workshop
29-31	K-12 Workshop

SEPTEMBER	
1	K-12 Workshop
5	Labor Day-District Closed
6	First Day of School K, 5 and 9
7	First Day of School 1-4, 6-8, 10-12

OCTOBER	
3	Professional Dev-No Students
20-21	Education MN Conference

NOVEMBER	
7	No Students-EOQ Elem /PD Sec
8	No Students-EOQ Sec/PD Elem
8	General Election-No School-No meetings from 6:00-8:00pm
23	Conference Comp-No Students
24-25	Thanksgiving Break-District Closed

DECEMBER	
22-31	Winter Break (District Closed 23, 26, 30, Jan 2)

JANUARY	
2	Winter Break - District Closed
3	School Resumes
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No Students, No teachers District Closed
26	No Students-EOQ Sec/PD Elem
27	No Students-EOQ Elem/PD Sec

FEBRUARY	
20	Presidents' Day - No Students, No Teachers District Closed

MARCH	
24	No Students-EOQ
27-31	Spring Break

APRIL	
28	Professional Dev-No Students

MAY	
29	Memorial Day - District Closed

JUNE	
8	Last Student Day
9	EOQ - Last Teacher Day
12	Conference Comp Day
13	Conference Comp Day

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Key:
Grey Shaded = No School
Color Shaded w/box = No Students

Nov. 7: EOQ Elementary / PD Secondary
Nov. 8: EOQ Secondary / PD Elementary

Jan. 26: EOQ Secondary / PD Elementary
Jan. 27: EOQ Elementary / PD Secondary

New Teacher Workshop Days
Professional Development (PD) Days-No Students
End of Quarter Elementary/PD Secondary-No Students
End of Quarter Secondary/PD Elementary-No Students
Conference Comp Days-No students or teachers
End of Quarter Days - No Students
District Closed
First Day of School Grades K, 5, 9
No School Grades 1-4, 6-8 and 10-12

One Program, Two locations

ECFE North Early Learning and Family Resource Center

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