

Edina Early Learning Center

**School Year
2023-24**

Registration Opens

January 24 for Edina residents

January 31 for our neighbors



Early Childhood Family Education,
Preschool and Enrichment Classes



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Welcome to the Early Learning Center

An excellent education with Edina Public Schools begins with our littlest Hornets!

Our vision is for Each and Every Student to Discover their Possibilities and Thrive.

Our award-winning Early Learning Center programs are designed for us to partner with your family to realize that mission, no matter how young your learner is. 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 social and academic opportunities offered through our award-winning Edina Early Learning Center.

Options for your family begin at your child's birth. Our popular Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes are taught by Parent Educators who are experts in the field of child development. Learn from them and other parents who are in the same phase of their parenting journey. Our preschool prepares your child for kindergarten at our nationally recognized elementary schools. These and other programs have been designed with you and your child's growth and learning in mind.

Building strong partnerships between home and school is an Edina Public Schools 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. **Discover Your Possibilities. Thrive.**

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 House

Saturday April 1, 2023
9:00-11:00am

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

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

To Schedule:

Email 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.

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.

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



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Overview

The Edina Early Learning Center educational offerings are here for your family as soon as you welcome your 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 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 Busy Babies, Taste of Preschool in Nature, 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



ECFE: Building Community from the Start



The Beginning and Beyond

Charlotte Lefebvre and her family became new Edina residents when her oldest of four children was in preschool. When she was looking for opportunities for her children in the area, she was delighted to find the Edina Community Ed catalog come through her mailbox. Edina Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) became Charlotte's immediate connection to the community and helped her meet other parents as well as future classmates for her children.

Jenny Griskevicius is grateful for her neighbor who mentioned ECFE to her after she and her husband moved to Edina six months before her first of four children was born. Being completely new to Minnesota, Jenny was not sure where to start building new relationships. Joining ECFE became Jenny's reassurance she was not alone as a first time parent and kept her involved with all of her children. Over the course of 11 years, she would often enroll in three or four classes at the same time.

While Charlotte and Jenny both have unique stories they can tell within their own ECFE experiences, they share similarities about how connected they feel to the community through participation at the Edina Early Learning Center.

"Not only did I learn how to give myself grace as a parent but also figure out ways to continuously engage my kids in different ways to learn all while gaining a sense of community at such a chaotic time frame in life," mentions Charlotte when she is asked her biggest takeaway from her experience.

Jenny described how she felt a boost of confidence in parenting after attending her first few classes and how she was able to feel content that sometimes it's okay if you just don't know the answer to a parenting situation.



*“ECFE changed my life. You will build a community within a community along with having an amazing introduction to Edina Public Schools”
-Jenny Griskevicius, 4 time ECFE Parent*

Through the process, Jenny often found herself asking why she would keep going back to baby classes with her second, third and fourth children. She feels she got something different out of each class whether it was new wisdom, ideas, or even exchanging hilarious parenting stories.

“A day in the week where you can go, sit in a room with other parents where you will find acceptance, joy, support and a sense of relief, it’s unbeatable,” shares Jenny.

ECFE is a place to belong, and it is never too late to join or get involved whether you are about to have a child, have one or multiple babies, young toddlers or preschoolers.

“Get involved early as a parent/guardian, even if it is a little at a time. Involvement helps provide more insight on how the public school system works, how decisions are made. You will have an impact on your child’s school, every bit helps, even from home!” Charlotte shares.

Start your child’s journey with Edina Public Schools from the very beginning where each and every student can discover their possibilities and thrive.

“ECFE changed my life. You will build a community within a community along with having an amazing introduction to Edina Public Schools,” Jenny says. Jenny would recommend ECFE to all caregivers of young children.

The Lefebvre and Griskevicius children, currently ages 7 to 13, continue to grow in the community by attending Edina Public Schools.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)



“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.

More offerings coming!

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for additional ECFE Classes for Fall 2023.



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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.

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 five years old 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 9/1/2023.



Babies & Toddlers: Non-Separating



No School Days:

September 25
October 19, 20
November 7, 22-24
December 25 - 29
January 1-5, 15, 19
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Baby & Me Sampler: Birth - 6 months

Parents with young babies, this free introduction to Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is for you! We recognize the importance of getting off to a strong start with your baby and our classes offer a great way to strengthen the bond with your child. Meet other new parents and learn about infant growth and development. Free, but registration required. No sibling care is provided. Offered September through May on the second Monday of the month from 11:45-12:45pm.

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. You will also meet other parents, sharing questions on sleep, schedules, feeding and development. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Mon	9:00 - 10:00am	9/11-5/20
0006-1		\$86/month
Fri	10:30 - 11:30am	9/8-5/31
0006-2		\$86/month

Busy Babies: 7 - 11 months

Enjoy time with your baby/toddler exploring the classroom as you listen to music, participate in 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. Sibling care is available for this class. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Mon	10:30 - 11:30am	9/11-5/20
0711-1		\$86/month
Fri	9:00 - 10:00am	9/8-5/31
0711-2		\$86/month

A Breath of Fresh Air: Birth - 11 months

Come spend 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, mom's mental health, and more.

Fri	12:15 - 1:15pm	9/8-10/13
Fresh Air-0011		\$86

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	12:45 - 1:45pm	9/6 -10/18
Fresh Air-1224		\$86

Baby/Toddler Playtime: 6 - 18 months

Join other caregivers 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	12:15-1:15pm	9/5-12/19
PlayPass-Tue-Fall		\$52

Thu	12:15-1:15pm	9/7-12/21
PlayPass-Thu-Fall		\$52

Tue	12:15-1:15pm	1/9-5/28
PlayPass-Tue-WinSpr		\$52

Thu	12:15-1:15pm	1/11-5/30
PlayPass-Thu-WinSpr		\$52

Stay and Play with Grandparents: 12 - 36 months

Join other grandparents and their grandchildren in an atmosphere created just for 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	9/5-12/19
Grpts-Tue-Fall		\$52

Thu	11:45am-12:45pm	9/7-12/21
Grpts-Thu-Fall		\$52

Tue	11:45am-12:45pm	1/9-5/28
Grpts-Tue-WinSpr		\$52

Thu	11:45am-12:45pm	1/11-5/30
Grpts-Thu-WinSpr		\$52

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

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



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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Tue 1217-1	9:15-10:30am	9/5-5/28 \$102/month
Wed 1217-2	9:15-10:30am	9/6-5/29 \$102/month
Thu 1217-3	11:00am-12:15pm	9/7-5/30 \$102/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.

Sat S1224-1	9:00-10:00am	9/9-10/14 \$120
Sat S1224-2	9:00-10:00am	10/28-12/2 \$100
Sat S1224-3	9:00-10:00am	1/27-3/2 \$120
Sat S1224-4	9:00-10:00am	4/6-5/11 \$120

Tender Tots: 18-24 months

Enjoy time with your toddler exploring the classroom, singing songs, creating art projects, reading books 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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Tue 1823-1	11:00am-12:15pm	9/5-5/28 \$102/month
Wed 1823-2	11:00am-12:15pm	9/6-5/29 \$102/month
Thu 1823-3	9:15-10:30am	9/7-5/30 \$102/month

More offerings coming!

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for additional ECFE Classes for Fall 2023.



Classes for Two-Year Olds

A Taste of Preschool

for students 24-35 months old as of Sept 1, 2023

Twos develop at high speed and thrive with guidance and limits as they set out to try everything in sight. Our classrooms are set up to allow children to engage all of their senses as they sing, dance, create, build, problem solve, communicate and socialize. Children gain confidence, trust, and independence as their parents separate for a facilitator led parenting time which focuses on parent generated topics including eating, toilet learning, separation anxiety, and language development as well as other relevant topics. Each class provides many opportunities for your child to develop social and problem solving skills while the two of you enjoy some uninterrupted high quality play and learning together time. You will also leave with new ideas and activities that reinforce the weekly classroom activities. Sibling care is available for this class on parenting days. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

One Day per Week

Mon	8:45-10:45am	9/11-5/20
0002-1		\$165/month
Mon	11:15am - 1:15pm	9/11-5/20
0002-2		\$165/month

Two Days per Week

Tue/Thu	9:30-11:30am	9/5-5/30
0002-3		\$330/month

Parenting Day is Tuesday

Taste of Preschool for Older Two's

for students 33 months old as of Sept 1, 2023

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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Wed/Fri	9:30am - 11:30am	9/6-5/31
0002-3		\$330/month

Taste of Preschool in Nature with Parenting

for students 24-35 months old as of Sept 1, 2023

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 in the fall and spring, and at the Early Learning Center in the winter. Come meet new friends as you learn and enjoy the seasons of Minnesota.

Wed	12:00 - 1:00pm	9/6-10/18
0002-NatureFall		\$140
Wed	12:00 - 1:00pm	1/10-2/14
0002-NatureWin		\$140
Wed	12:00 - 1:00pm	4/17-5/22
0002-NatureSpr		\$140

Me and My Dad: 2-5 years

Enjoy an ECFE class with dad! Parents and children will spend quality playtime together for the first half. The second half of the class, the dads (or any caregiver) will attend parent education in a separate classroom space with a Parent Educator.

Wed	6:00-7:30 pm	9/6-10/18
Dad-1		\$86
Wed	6:00-7:30 pm	1/10-2/14
Dad-2		\$86
Wed	6:00-7:30 pm	4/17-5/22
Dad-3		\$86

Sliding Fee Scale

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Preschool for 3-5 Year Olds



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The Edina Early Learning Center's Preschool program for three to five-year olds help our young learners develop their emergent literacy and math skills through play-based learning by using The Creative Curriculum. Teachers are trained in the Pyramid model, a framework to help kids 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, oral language skills, 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!

Half Day Options

Preschool for Threes

for students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2023

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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Two Days/Week

Tu/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/30
0003-3		\$263/month

Three Days/Week

Mon/Wed/Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/6-5/31
0003-2		\$397/month

Tu/Wed/Thurs	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/30
0003-4		\$397/month

Tu/Wed/Thurs	12:30-3:00pm	9/5-5/30
0003-5		\$397/month

Five Days/Week

Mon - Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/31
0003-1		\$635/month

PreK for Fours and Fives

for students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2023

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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Three Days/Week

Tue/Wed/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/30
0045-3		\$397/month

Tue/Wed/Thu	12:30-3:00pm	9/5-5/30
0045-4		\$335/month

Five Days/Week

Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/31
0045-1		\$635/month



All Day Options

All-Day Preschool for Threes

for students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2023

Our All Day Preschool option is for kids ready and able to handle a longer learning day. The academic day is 9:30am - 12:30pm. Childcare is available before and after class. Students will have lunch and rest time before transitioning to our childcare room. Breakfast and lunch are included in the tuition. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Mon-Fri	7:30am - 5:30pm	9/5-5/31
0003-AD		\$1417/month

All-Day PreK

for students 4+ years old after Sept 1, 2023

Our All Day PreK option is for kids ready and able to handle a longer learning day. The academic day is from 9:30am-2:30pm 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 and lunch are included in the tuition. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Mon-Fri	7:30am - 5:30pm	9/5-5/31
0045-AD		\$1417/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.

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

Sample Schedule 4

8:30am-12:30pm Childcare
12:30-3:00pm Preschool

Childcare Blocks - Monday - Friday

Block 1	7:30-8:30am	\$9/day
Block 2	8:30am - 12:30pm	\$45/day
Block 3	11:30am - 3pm	\$31.50/day
Block 4	3:00-5:30pm	\$22.50/day

Enrichment Classes for Preschoolers

Enrichment classes provide children 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.

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.

Mon	11:30am-2:00pm	9/11-12/18
STEM-Fall		\$330

Mon	11:30am-2:00pm	1/8-5/20
STEM-WinSpr		\$374

Book Buddies

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

Tues	11:30am-2:00pm	9/5-12/19
Bookbuddies-Fall		\$330

Tues	11:30am-2:00pm	1/9-5/28
Bookbuddies-WinSpr		\$418

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.

Wed	11:30am-2:00pm	9/6-12/20
Crafternoons-Fall		\$330

Wed	11:30am-2:00pm	1/10-5/29
Crafternoons-WinSpr		\$440

Little Chefs

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

Thurs	11:30am-2:00pm	9/7-12/21
Little Chefs-Fall		\$308

Thurs	11:30am-2:00pm	1/11-5/30
Little Chefs-WinSpr		\$440

Nature Exploration

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

Fri	11:30am-2:00pm	9/8-12/22
Nature-Fall		\$308

Fri	11:30am-2:00pm	1/12-5/31
Nature-WinSpr		\$374

Music Makers

Students will learn the basics of music and explore different genres. Activities will include movement/dancing, making instruments, and singing.

Fri	11:30am-2:00pm	9/8-12/22
Music-Fall		\$308

Fri	11:30am-2:00pm	1/12-5/31
Music-WinSpr		\$374



Super Saturdays for Preschoolers

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

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 9/9-9/30
SS-Builders \$67

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 10/28-11/8
SS-Explosions! \$67

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 1/6-2/3
SS-Service Projects \$67

Super Saturday- Kids 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 2/10-3/2
SS-Kids Crafts \$67

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 3/30-4/20
SWoodworkers \$67

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 4/27-5/18
SS-Gardening \$67



Early Childhood Family Education for 3-5 year-olds

Continue or begin 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.

ECFE 3s Preschool: for students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2023

This class is similar to a traditional 3's Preschool class but with an added bonus! Mom, Dad or any caretaker gets to come to school with the child on Fridays! The first hour of class will be in the room with the students, then adults will transition to another space for adult learning. Discussions will be focused on sleep habits, brain development, nutrition, or other topics of interest to the group. Adults will rejoin the class for the last 30 minutes to participate in the closing meeting and to celebrate the days learning. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Tu/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/6-5/31
ECFE3-1		\$428/month

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. 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 connect with and learn from other parents while facilitated by a licensed Parent Educator. Child care for siblings is available. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

Fri	12:30-2:30pm	9/8-5/24
ECFE35-1		\$165/month

Me and My Dad: 2-5 years

Enjoy an ECFE class with dad! Parents and children will spend quality playtime together for the first half. The second half of the class, the dads (or any caregiver) will attend parent education in a separate classroom space with a Parent Educator.

Wed Dad-1	6:00-7:30pm	9/6-10/18
		\$86
Wed Dad-2	6:00-7:30pm	1/10-2/14
		\$86
Wed Dad-3	6:00-7:30pm	4/17-5/22
		\$86

FREE ECFE Family Literacy Preschool: 3-5 years

Our FREE Family Literacy Class offers a unique opportunity for families learning English to attend school with their child at the beginning and end of each class. While the students continue to play and enjoy preschool, caregivers will step away to Adult Basic Education and Parent Education classes. Both offer an opportunity to learn and practice developing language skills.

Tu/Thu	8:30-11:30am	9/5-5/30
ECFE Lit-1		Free

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	9/9-10/14
		\$160
Sat SFamily-2	10:30 - 11:30am	10/28-12/9
		\$160
Sat SFamily-3	10:30 - 11:30am	1/27-3/2
		\$160
Sat SFamily-4	10:30 - 11:30am	4/6-5/11
		\$160

Sliding Fee Scale

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Parent Education



“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.

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

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.

More offerings coming!

Be sure to keep an eye on our website for additional ECFE Classes for Fall 2023.



To register, visit
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 to meet and share experiences with other new families.

Thu	6:00 - 7:00pm	9/7 - 1/18
NewUSPar - 1		\$181
Thu	6:00 - 7:00pm	1/25 - 5/30
NewUSPar - 2		\$181

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	9/11 - 1/8
Mindful - 1		\$181

Individual Parent Education

Individual Parent Education is available if you would like to have a private session with a licensed Parent Educator from the ELC. You pick the discussion topic(s). Each session is 60 minutes. Once you register, contact the Early Learning Center at 952-848-3908 or early.learning@edinaschools.org

IPE23-24		\$100
Sliding Fee Applies		

Culturally Competent Parenting

Learn how to introduce culturally competent skills into your parenting and family life. Students will examine 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	9/6 - 1/17
Competent 1		\$191

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	9/7 - 1/18
Resilience - 1		\$181

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. *One-time \$50 registration fee.*

First Tue	1:00 - 2:00pm	9/5-5/7
Been There - 1		\$98

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 future topics. For an additional cost (half the amount of class fee), childcare is available for children as young as 6 weeks and as old as 5 years. Children up to 4 months are welcome to attend with their parent.

Birth - 2 years

Second Tue	8:45 - 9:45am	9/12 - 5/14
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Second Tue	1:00 - 2:00pm	9/12 - 5/14
ParBirthtoTwo - 2		\$98

3 - 5 years

Third Tue	8:45 - 9:45am	9/19 - 5/21
Par3to5 - 1		\$98
Third Tue	1:00 - 2:00pm	9/19 - 5/21
Par3to5 - 2		\$98

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	9/11 - 10/16
ParentAnx - 1		\$78

Don't wait until fall – join us this spring!

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/month
Fri	11:30 am-12:30pm	9/9-5/26
0006-2		\$83/month

Busy Babies: 7-11 months

Enjoy time with your baby/toddler exploring the classroom as you listen to music, create art projects, 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.

Fri	9:15-10:15am	9/9-5/26
0711-2		\$83/month

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	1/3-5/30
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Thurs	11:45am-12:45pm	1/5-5/25
Grpts - Thu - WinSpr		\$50

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.

Wed	9:15-10:30am	9/7-5/31
1217-3		\$99/month
Thurs	10:45am-12:00pm	9/8-6/1
1217-4		\$99/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 this 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	10:45am-12:00pm	9/6-5/30
1823-2		\$99/month
Wed	10:45am-12:00pm	9/7-5/31
1823-3		\$99/month



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.

Mon	8:45-10:45am	9/1-5/22
0002-1		\$160/month

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	12:15-1:15pm	3/9
Playpass-Tue-WinSpr		\$50

Me & My Dad: 2-5 years

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

Wed	6:00-7:30pm	4/3-4/24
Dad-1		\$90



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	1/28-3/4
SFamily-3		\$155
Sat	10:30-11:30am	4/1-5/13
SFamily-4		\$155



Visit us at edina.ce.eleyo.com
or scan here to register for Spring
2023 ECFE Classes



Discover the wonders of kindergarten at Edina Public Schools

If your child will be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2023, it's time to learn about kindergarten!

Our kindergarten program exposes our littlest Hornets to a robust kindergarten curriculum while learning through play, fostering social-emotional development, and sparking curiosity that sets the foundation for being a life-long learner.

We offer several kindergarten format options: English, French or dual language Spanish Immersion. We also offer a multi-age classroom experience through our Continuous Progress program (CP).

Scan the QR code to learn more.



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 952-848-3968 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

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 and select "Developmental Screening" under the "Learning" tab.

Questions?

Contact our Outreach Manager, Affey Sigat, at Affey.Sigat@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.



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 would 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 and select "Financial Assistance" at the top menu. You can also contact our Outreach Manager at 952-848-3985 for more information.

For more information:

For all billing information and policies, please visit earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register

Registration Information



Register online!

edina.ce.eleyo.com

Registration opens 8am:
January 24th for Edina residents
January 31st for our neighbors

Set Up Your Account:

Set up an account 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 9/1/2023.

To create an account:

Create an account at edina.ce.eleyo.com or log in to verify or update your information.



Have questions?

We're here to help!



Email:

early.learning@edinaschools.org



Phone:

(952) 848-3908



In Person: M-F, 8am - 4pm

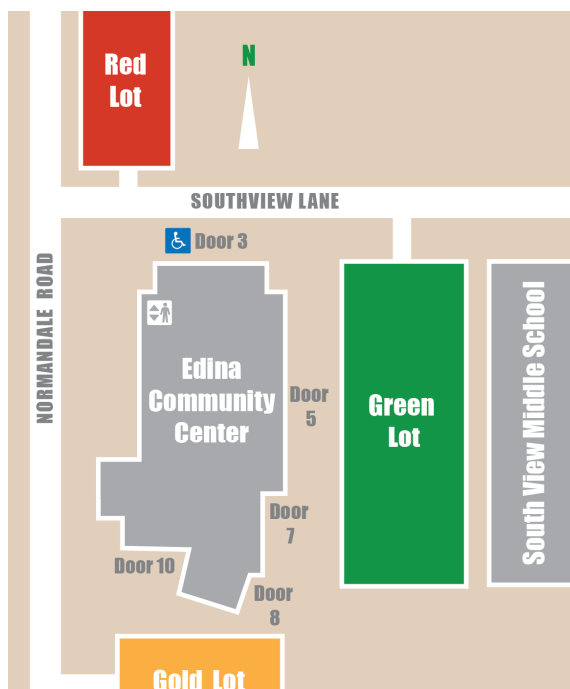
at the Edina Community Center

We are in the Edina Community Center:

5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424

Entrance and parking information:

Park in the Green Lot and enter Door 5



Visit us at
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Come over for a play date!

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

Early Learning Center Open House

Saturday, April 1, 9:00 - 11:00 am

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

Can't make the open house?

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

To Schedule:

Email 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.

