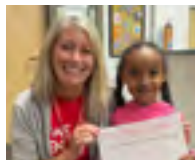




2023-24 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Centennial Preschool offers full- and part-day classes with tuition charged monthly. Limited financial assistance is available for those who qualify. This brochure provides information on the program, schedule options, tuition rates, and registration instructions. More information can be found at isd12.org/preschool

**Registration for the 2023-24 placement lottery begins March 1.
Space is limited.**



Centennial Preschool serves the communities of
Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington, & Lino Lakes

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Welcome to Centennial Preschool!

The Centennial School District provides high-quality part-day and full-day preschool experiences. Classrooms are located at each of the elementary schools in the Centennial School District as well as the Early Childhood Center. Centennial Preschool features:

Kindergarten Readiness

The goal of Centennial Preschool is to help children enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful learners.

Parent Involvement

Throughout this brochure the term "parent" includes any adult caregiver for a student. Centennial Preschool welcomes parents, foster parents, grandparents, babysitters/nannies, and other caregivers. Two hour classes at the Early Childhood Center include a weekly parent attendance day, while 2-1/2 hour and full-day classes offer special opportunities for parent participation. Centennial Preschool places an emphasis on parental involvement because research has shown that early childhood programs that involve parents and children learning together are more effective than programs that focus only on the child.

Experienced, Caring Staff

Centennial Preschool is held in classrooms with a 1 to 10 staff-to-student ratio, taught by licensed teachers. Both teachers and classroom support staff receive ongoing staff development, and over half of our staff have been with the program for at least five years. Our preschool program has earned a 4-Star Parent Aware rating.



Growing and Learning Through Play

Centennial Preschool Daily Learning Opportunities

Centennial Preschool weaves a “learning-through-play” philosophy into each class. Learning happens when children are given space, materials, and time to play. Daily experiences include:

- Independence skills
- Large and small group instruction
- Language, literacy, and letter recognition
- Learning centers (science, math, sensory, literacy, art, dramatic play)
- Large muscle skills (gym or outside)
- Listening skills
- Music and movement
- Personal and social-emotional development
- Problem solving and self-regulation skills
- Writing skills

Families Say

“Our child has been so excited to go to school each day. That alone is awesome to see. I also feel like I learn something each day during the parent education portion.”

“[My child] comes home happy every day from school. She’s already learning new writing skills, is better with sharing, and making new friends.”

“[We like] the opportunity for learning letters, numbers, practicing writing. We feel our son will be more prepared for kindergarten than if he stayed in daycare.”

“I love getting to know the other parents in class and what they are dealing with also.”

When surveyed, 92.5% of preschool families felt that preschool is helping their child be fully prepared for kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful.

Preschool Tuition

There is a tuition cost for all Centennial Preschool classes. Limited financial aid — in the form of discounts and scholarships — is available for those who qualify. The cost for the year is divided into nine monthly payments and **invoiced one month in advance**, August through April. Standard tuition rates are as follows:

Class	Per Month
Full-Day Monday through Friday	\$846
Full-Day Monday/Wednesday/Friday	\$490
Full-Day Tuesday/Thursday	\$357
Part-Day Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday	\$257
Part-Day Monday/Wednesday/Friday	\$150
Part-Day Tuesday/Thursday	\$110

A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is charged at the time of contract approval.

Applying for Financial Aid

Important: If a student is age-eligible for kindergarten (born before 9/1/2018), we are unable to provide any financial aid.

Centennial Preschool has limited funds available to reduce the cost of tuition for qualifying families. There is a section in the registration process to indicate your level of need. Supporting documents are required to be sent separately and must be received before your registration will be considered for placement.

There are two types of financial aid offered by Centennial Preschool:

- School Readiness Preschool tuition discounts of 25%, 50% or 75% are available for all schedules. The amount of the discount is determined by household size and income.
- Pathway II scholarships may be able to lower your cost to \$0. Applicants who qualify for the highest level of support will be contacted to submit an application for this scholarship.

Looking for Free Preschool?

The only way to attend Centennial Preschool for free is through a Pathway II scholarship. Only a small number of scholarships are available, however. If you want your child to attend preschool and cannot afford to pay anything, please consider the following options:

Pathway I Scholarships

Unlike Pathway II, Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to the family, who can use the scholarship at any child care or preschool facility that is Parent Aware rated. (Centennial Preschool has received the highest Parent Aware rating.) Applications must be submitted to your county of residence, and there is usually a waiting list, so apply early.

Head Start

Head Start is a federally-funded, free program offering preschool for children age 3-5 from families that participate in certain public assistance programs, are a foster family, are experiencing homelessness, or are living at or below the federal poverty level. There is an extensive application process, but children may start class at any time during the year once they are approved.

County Child Care Assistance

Your county offers funding to help pay for the cost of full-time day care. **Centennial Preschool tuition does not qualify for this assistance**, though it can be used for Pre-K Kids Club before and/or after school care. A small co-pay may be required depending on your level of need. You can apply for child care assistance along with other assistance programs.

To Apply

All three of these options must be applied for via your county of residence. Links to the appropriate program information can be found in the Paying for Preschool document on our website at isd12.org/preschool.

Full-Day Classes

For students born on or before 8/31/2019

In addition to the academic and social learning as described on pages 2 & 3, our full-day classes focus on building skills needed for a successful transition to kindergarten the following year.

Schedule Options

Monday through Friday
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Tuesday/Thursday

Instruction hours are 9:30 am - 3:45 pm, but drop-off and pick-up times vary based on location

Location Options

Blue Heron Elementary
Centennial Elementary
Centerville Elementary
Golden Lake Elementary
Rice Lake Elementary



Pre-K Kids Club

Before & After School Care

Full-day classes may be combined with before and/or after school care through Pre-K Kids Club. Attendees can be dropped-off/picked-up anytime during the care window, but the daily rate is the same regardless of the length of care. Space is limited. For more information, visit isd12.org/kidsclub

Schedule Options and Rates

AM Care (6:30-9:30am)	\$15.50/day
PM Care (4:00-6:00pm)	\$11.50/day
AM & PM 5 days/week	\$22.50/day

Note that these charges are in addition to preschool tuition and there is an additional registration fee of \$25. Pre-K Kids Club accepts county child care assistance.

Non-School Day Care

Pre-K Kids Club also offers care on select days when school is not in session. Students must have a Pre-K Kids Club contract to sign up for this care.

Non-School Day	\$45.50
Non-School Day (drop in after registration deadline)	\$65



Part-Day Afternoons

For students born on or before 11/30/2019

These classes focus on developing the skills necessary to succeed in full-day preschool or kindergarten, but in a part-day setting. Parents are invited to attend class with their child on special days and to attend parent education opportunities throughout the school year.

Schedule/Location Option

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 12:30-3:00 pm
at the Early Childhood Center (at Rice Lake Elementary)



Part-Day Mornings with Parent Participation

For students born on or before 8/31/2020

These classes are intended to be a student's first preschool experience. **A parent is required to attend with the child one day each week**, spending half the time in the classroom and the other half in a parent education discussion. Play is the main focus, teaching students successful peer interactions and independence when a parent is not present.

Schedule/Location Options

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:30-11:30 am
at the Early Childhood Center (at Rice Lake Elementary)
Parents attend Mondays or Wednesday, depending on class placement

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-11:30 am
at the Early Childhood Center (at Rice Lake Elementary)
Parents attend Tuesdays or Thursdays, depending on class placement



Sibling Care

Sibling care is available on the required parent attendance day to allow a parent to have one-on-one time with their preschooler. Sibling care is for children ages 3 months to 6 years, and space is limited. (Infants may be kept in class until 3 months old.) A monthly fee of \$15 is added to preschool tuition for each child in sibling care. For more information on sibling care practices and expectations, see our family handbook at isd12.org/preschool.

Additional Information

Program Requirements

Centennial Preschool students must be the required age for a class.

All students must be able to use the bathroom independently, including pulling pants up/down and wiping.

Early Childhood Screening is required to attend Centennial Preschool. See page 13 for more information.

Program Dates and Procedures

Centennial Preschool follows the district student calendar. (See isd12.org/calendars.) More details on our program procedures can be found in our family handbook at isd12.org/preschool

Transportation

Transportation is NOT provided by Centennial Preschool. Preschoolers are not allowed to ride elementary school buses.

Priority Factors

The state of Minnesota requires that preschool programs receiving state funding must give placement priority to any student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch
- is an English language learner
- is homeless
- has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or standardized written plan
- is identified through Early Childhood Screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- is defined as at risk by the school district

Priority is NOT given based on a household's school assignment. We do not have enough preschool seats at each elementary school to accommodate all preschoolers within that school's attendance area.

Priority factors only apply to the registration lottery. Registrations received after 8am on March 20 are reviewed in the order received.

Registration

Registration is online at isd12.ce.eleyo.com. You will need to have a pre-existing account or create a new account through Eleyo in order to register. If you do not have online access you may register by phone. Call 763-792-6120 for more information.

March 1	Registration opens
March 20 at 8am	Deadline for lottery registrations
March 28 at 8am	Financial assistance documents due for lottery
no later than April 6	Lottery results emailed

Registration Lottery

Placement for the 2023-24 school year is by lottery. Registration opens March 1, and registrations submitted **by 8am on March 20** will be included in the lottery. Completing a registration does not guarantee placement in a class, and registering earlier in March does not increase your chance of receiving a placement. If applying for financial assistance, any **supporting documents must be received by 8am on March 28** or the registration will not be included in the lottery.

Registrations received after 8am on March 20 will be reviewed on the first of the month following submission in the order received.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is charged if/when your child's contract is approved.

If you are registering more than one child you must register them separately, even if you are registering them for the same class.

Sibling care or Pre-K Kids Club requires a separate registration. More information will be provided as part of the online Centennial Preschool registration process.

If you do not receive a confirmation email after registering, your contract request was not successful. Please log in again and review your registration to make sure you have provided all required information.

Checklist to Attend Centennial Preschool

Bolded items are required for all students. A more detailed checklist is on our website at isd12.org/preschool

- ☐ **Submit a registration in the Eleyo system:** isd12.ce.eleyo.com
- ☐ Send tax forms to apply for financial aid, if needed
- ☐ **Make an appointment for Early Childhood Screening if your child is not already screened:** isd12.org/ecs
- ☐ If your child has an IEP from another school district, contact the Early Childhood Special Education program at 763-792-6140

If your contract is approved

- ☐ **Complete an online enrollment with the district via Infinite Campus**
- ☐ Establish sibling care or before/after school care, if needed
- ☐ **Make your first month's tuition payment on or before the due date**

Your child will not be able to attend class until all applicable items on the checklist have been completed, regardless of the date of your contract approval.

Program Contacts (all numbers are 763-792-xxxx)

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Sarah Holmboe, Preschool Coordinator, x6122, sholmboe@isd12.org

Sara Ison, Preschool Coordinator, x6111, sison@isd12.org

Dawn Turnblad, Pre-K Kids Club Admin Asst (registration/billing) x6193, kidsclub@isd12.org

Student and Family Advocates are available to assist families with interpretation. See languages and phone numbers on cover.

Early Childhood Screening

All prospective Centennial Preschool students who are 3 or older at the time of registration must have Early Childhood Screening completed or an appointment made before June. Students who are under 3 at the time of registration should make an appointment for October.

Early Childhood Screening is a free check of a child's growth and development. Screening is not a readiness test for kindergarten, and the results will not affect your child's ability to enroll in preschool or kindergarten. Screening can detect possible learning or health concerns so that a child can get help, if necessary, before starting school.

Centennial School District offers screenings regularly, October through May. Online registration and more information at isd12.org/ecs, by email at ECScreening@isd12.org, or by phone at 763-792-6120.

If our screening schedule does not work for you, Early Childhood Screening can be completed by another Minnesota school district, the Head Start program, or the Department of Public Health. If your child is screened elsewhere, please be sure to forward a copy of the screening results to Centennial Early Childhood.

If you have concerns about your child's development and don't want to wait for a screening appointment, we encourage you to visit HelpMeGrowMN.org to make a referral for your child.



Other Options for Preschool-Age Children

Not sure if your child is ready for an independent preschool experience? Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) has options for you.

Parents & Preschoolers

Intended for children born on or before 2/28/21, this class provides some of the structures and content of the preschool curriculum but a parent or caregiver attends class each week with the child.

Step Up to Preschool

Students born on or before 11/30/20 may join this class and begin working on their independence. We start the year as a once-a-week parent-child class, then add a second day of class that the students attend on their own. This class is a great option for students who haven't quite mastered toilet training, who do not meet the age requirement for part-day preschool but are ready to give up afternoon naps, or who have limited experience being away from their parent/caregiver.

Registration for these classes takes place in May 2023. See isd12.org/ecfe or call 763-792-6120 for more information.



Community Education Youth Classes



Centennial Community Education offers a variety of classes for young children. Below are a few examples. Check out the Youth Activities page for the latest classes and schedules at isd12.ce.eleyo.com.

Tot Skates

Ages 2-5 with adult

Jan-Apr

Don't forget it's okay to fall, in fact learning to do it safely is a great skill to have. You will also get the chance to see our community rink and have it all to yourselves!

Sports Mania

Ages 4-6

Jan-Mar

In this six-week class, we will spend two weeks on each of the following sports: basketball, soccer, and floor hockey. Join in and have a great time while learning some basic skills.

Mini Kickers Soccer

Ages 3-5

Jan-Apr

Centennial High School Boys Soccer players and coaches provide a fun introduction to the game of soccer.

Gymnastics: Little Tumblers

Ages 3-4

Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, Apr-May

Developing gymnasts will learn basic and fundamental gymnastics skills in a safe, fun, age-appropriate, structured environment.

Music Together

Ages 0-6 with caregiver

Jan-Mar, Apr-June

Sing, laugh, move, and learn along with your baby, toddler, or preschooler for 45 minutes of fun each week in these award-winning classes.

Kids Dance

Ages 3-11

Jan-Apr

Children will use props such as tambourines, scarves and pom poms to learn basic tap, jazz and ballet steps.