



Bright Beginnings Tuition Assistance

First step for all families is to complete the Free and Reduced lunch application located on the school district's website. Once the application has been completed and reviewed by district food service staff, a copy of the letter must be sent by the caregiver to the early childhood office. Based on the qualifiers listed, tuition support will be provided as follows:

No Free/Reduced Eligible	Full tuition
Reduced Lunch	50% reduction on tuition
Free Lunch	100% scholarship

The reductions above are funded through school readiness state funds (see below)

Eligibility for School Readiness Funds

(Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.15, subd. 15)

A child is eligible to participate in a School Readiness program if the child:

1. is at least three years old on September 1;
2. has completed health and developmental screening within 90 days of program enrollment under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19; **and**
3. has one or more of the following risk factors:
 - qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch;
 - is an English learner;
 - is homeless;
 - has an individualized education program (IEP) or an individual interagency intervention plan (IIIP);
 - is identified, through health and developmental screenings under sections 121A.16 to 121A.19, with a potential risk factor that may influence learning; or
 - is defined as at-risk by the school district.