



# Cambridge-Isanti Schools



## Welcome to Kindergarten! 2023-2024

Educating. Empowering. Inspiring.  
Every Student, Every Day  
[www.c-ischools.org/kindergarten](http://www.c-ischools.org/kindergarten)



# Kindergarten Options



**Our tuition-free, full-day kindergarten options are open to all children who will turn age 5 by September 1.**

## Cambridge Primary and Isanti Primary

Cambridge Primary and Isanti Primary Schools offer excellent full-day kindergarten programs. Children grow in a loving, nurturing and high-standards learning environment. Our curriculum inspires and supports each young learner's unique talents and gifts. We strive to provide innovative learning opportunities and meet the individual needs of every student, every day.

Our schools teach and exemplify five Bluejacket character traits: honesty, respect, responsibility, self-discipline, and compassion, which create a positive school climate for all students.

The school of attendance is based on your home address for CPS and IPS. If you need clarification on your school of attendance, please contact our transportation department at (763) 552-6287.

For more information regarding these schools, contact your child's primary school.

**Cambridge Primary School**  
**Rhonda Malecha – Principal**  
(763)-691-6500  
[rmalecha@c-ischools.org](mailto:rmalecha@c-ischools.org)

**Isanti Primary School**  
**Shane Dordal – Principal**  
(763)-691-8778  
[sdordal@c-ischools.org](mailto:sdordal@c-ischools.org)

## Cambridge-Isanti STEAM

Our program builds strong character with all students and has been recognized by the state of Minnesota for promising practices in character education. Like all our schools, we teach and model the district's five character traits: respect, responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, and honesty.

C-I STEAM School incorporates science, technology, engineering, art, and math topics throughout our curriculum. Our K-5 school community focuses on collaborative problem-solving and interdisciplinary, project-based learning.

There is no cost to send your child to the C-I STEAM School. Busing is available for all students located within the Cambridge-Isanti Schools boundary.

For more information regarding **C-I STEAM School**, contact the principal.

**Mark Ziebarth – Principal**  
(763) 552-8800  
[mziebarth@c-ischools.org](mailto:mziebarth@c-ischools.org)

## Cambridge-Isanti Schools Online

Cambridge-Isanti Online School is the district's online option for kindergarten through grade 12, providing a flexible option for families who choose to learn from home. Students are exposed to the same standards as in the buildings, as well as a nurturing environment with activities that build relationships among the students and teachers.

Students also have access to the same student supports that are available in our other schools, including but not limited to special education services, interventions, and English Language Learner programming.

There is no cost to send your child to the Cambridge-Isanti Online Program.

For more information regarding the Cambridge-Isanti Online Program, contact the coordinator.

**Michelle Glasgow – K-8 Cambridge-Isanti Online Program Coordinator**  
(763) 689-6218  
[mglasgow@c-ischools.org](mailto:mglasgow@c-ischools.org)



# Parent/Guardian Need-to-Know

## Early Childhood Screening

The state of Minnesota requires that all children entering kindergarten have an Early Childhood Screening done or scheduled by the first day of school. Hearing, vision, speech, cognitive, and motor abilities are the areas of development that will be assessed during the screening. This is a FREE and simple check of how your child is growing and developing.

To schedule a free appointment go to the [Early Childhood Screening website](#).

For additional information:

Call (763) 691-6691 or

Email [earlychildhood@c-ischools.org](mailto:earlychildhood@c-ischools.org)

You may also contact Isanti County Public Health.

## Safety & Security

The safety of your child is our highest priority. We work to ensure school grounds and building entrances are carefully monitored. Students are not allowed to leave during the school day unless signed out by an authorized adult. All staff are required to wear an ID badge throughout the school day. All visitors must check in with a valid picture ID at the school's main office and wear a visitor badge while in our schools.

## Before & After School Care

Adventure Center Child Care is a fee-based program available from 6:00 am until the start of the school

day and from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. Program components include recreation time, STEM activities, and creative arts projects for children in grades K-5. Preschool care is also available. For more information, visit the [Adventure Center website](#) or call (763) 689-6180.

## Immunizations

Families must provide records that their child has had immunizations or submit a notarized conscientious exemption with the school **before** your child starts school.

The immunizations that are required for Kindergarten are as follows:

Dtap/Td/Tdap Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Polio	HepB Hepatitis B	MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Varicella * Chickenpox
✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓

\* Varicella shot(s) not required if Pupil Immunization Record form is signed by child's doctor saying the child has already had the chickenpox.

✓ Indicates each individual immunization required

Isanti County Public Health is an option for free immunizations. Call (763) 689-8290

If you have questions, please contact one of our health offices:

Cambridge Primary Health Office: (763) 691-6505

Isanti Primary Health Office: (763) 691-8704

C-I STEAM Health Office: (763) 552-8809

## Busing & Transportation

We provide bus transportation at no cost to students who live outside of the walk boundary and within the district boundaries for Cambridge-Isanti Schools. Our transportation department strives to provide quality services, focusing on safety first. For more information, visit the [Transportation website](#) or call (763) 552-6287.



# It's Time to Register

Cambridge-Isanti Schools uses an [Online Portal for Student Enrollment](#). To get started, review the information on our enrollment page [www.c-ischools.org/become-a-bluejacket](http://www.c-ischools.org/become-a-bluejacket).

## Registration Checklist

Gather the following items before getting started. If you are missing items, complete the online registration now and bring updated documents to school at a later date.

### ☐ Immunizations

A copy of your child's immunization record. You may submit partial immunization information at the time of registration and email, mail, fax, or drop off any changes to the records that occur before the start of school.

### ☐ Proof of child's age and legal name

A copy of your child's official birth certificate, passport, or approved official documentation.

### ☐ Proof of residence

A copy of the front page of a lease or rental agreement, property closing papers, or current utility bill if it has the parent/guardian's correct name and address. If your child is not a resident of Cambridge-Isanti Schools, please complete the Non-Resident Student Enrollment form under Open Enrollment found at <https://www.c-ischools.org/become-a-bluejacket>.

### ☐ Early Childhood Screening

If your child was screened through C-I Schools, we already have their screening on file. If your child was screened in another district, contact that district and have them fax or mail their results to the school your child will be attending.

To schedule a free screening appointment, go to the [Early Childhood](#) website, click on screening. [www.c-ischools.org/early-childhood](http://www.c-ischools.org/early-childhood)

### ☐ Custodial Documents, *if applicable*.

You are now ready to enroll your child on the [Skyward New Student Enrollment Portal](#). We can't wait to meet you!

## Contact

If you have questions regarding enrollment, contact the school of enrollment. You may also email or fax required documents, if needed.

- In Person
- Phone
- Email
- Fax

### Cambridge Primary School

310 N Elm Street  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
Phone: (763) 691-6500  
Fax: (763) 691-6599

Email: [cps-communications@c-ischools.org](mailto:cps-communications@c-ischools.org)

### Isanti Primary School

301 Heritage Blvd NW  
Isanti, MN 55040  
Phone: (763) 691-8778  
Fax: (763) 691-8700

Email: [ips-communications@c-ischools.org](mailto:ips-communications@c-ischools.org)

### Cambridge-Isanti STEAM

101 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Isanti, MN 55040  
Phone: (763) 552-8800  
Fax: (763) 552-8899

Email: [sfas-communications@c-ischools.org](mailto:sfas-communications@c-ischools.org)

### Cambridge-Isanti Online

625C Main St N  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
Phone: (763)-689-6218  
Fax: (763)-689-6200

 Email: [cionline@c-ischools.org](mailto:cionline@c-ischools.org)



# Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten Registration



- **I cannot find my child's birth certificate. Can my child still enroll?**  
Yes – Your child may still enroll, but we need a copy of the official birth certificate, passport, or approved official documentation before school starts. If needed, you can obtain a certified birth record from the recorder's office at any Government Center of the state in which they were born.
- **I need help uploading the required document to the online registration. What should I do?**  
We want to make this an easy and user-friendly process. Continue to register without uploading the document; bring the document to the school's main office at a later date. Our school offices also have computers available for families to register. Feel free to stop in.
- **Can I enroll my child even if they have not had the early childhood screening?**  
Yes – Register for kindergarten now, and then register online for a screening appointment before August at <https://c-ischools.ce.elevo.com/courses/category/ecfe/87/early-childhood-screening>. If you have questions, call the Early Childhood Program at (763) 691-6691. You may also call Isanti County Public Health or your child's physician. State law requires screening (anytime from age 3 - 5) before starting kindergarten.
- **My child was screened in another district. What should I do?**  
Contact the district where they were screened and request your child's screening results be sent to the school your child will attend.
- **My child has not had their 5-year-old shots. Should I still complete the enrollment?**  
Yes – Complete registration with any immunizations your child has had so far. You can turn in additional immunization records at a later date. State law mandates immunizations be completed before starting school. If a required immunization is contrary to your conscientiously-held beliefs, please submit the notarized exemption form instead.
- **My child won't be attending C-I Schools this year. Do I need to do anything?**  
Yes – Please call 763-689-6191 or email [cienrollment@c-ischools.org](mailto:cienrollment@c-ischools.org) and let us know. We will update our records so that you are removed from the mailing list and don't get reminder calls in the spring.
- **When can I bring my child to visit the school?**  
In spring each year, we invite our future kindergarten students to visit school and begin building the excitement for kindergarten. Plan to attend with your child. We want students to become familiar with their new school to support a smooth transition into Kindergarten.  
Please save the date:
  - Isanti Primary School — April 11, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
  - Cambridge Primary School — April 11, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
  - C-I STEAM School — March 30, 6 - 7 p.m.

# Kindergarten Readiness

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We are often asked how families can best prepare children for kindergarten. Reading to children, talking to them, and giving them a wide variety of experiences set the stage for learning through play. On the first day of school, teachers are so excited to welcome children who are curious and eager to learn.

It's important to remember that each child develops at their own pace. If you are looking for ways to practice being a kindergarten with your child, here are a few suggestions.

## FEELING

- Likes the thought of going to school and becoming a big kid
- Speaks clearly, in complete sentences most of the time
- Cooperates when interacting with other children
- Works independently for at least five minutes
- Accepts minor disappointments or limits without tears
- Is willing to try new things
- Understands and follows two-step directions (e.g., take off your coat and put it on the hook)

## THINKING

- Shows an interest in books and reading and can listen to a story for five minutes
- Holds a book and turns pages correctly
- Knows some songs and rhymes
- Recognizes most letters in the alphabet
- Identifies labels and signs in the community (McDonald's, Walmart, etc.)
- Pretends to read and write
- Knows first and last name and writes their first name without help
- Knows names of family members
- Recognizes similarities and differences in sizes, shapes and colors of objects
- Tells and retells familiar stories or experiences
- Counts and recognizes numbers up to 10
- Enjoys a variety of outings: library, park, zoo, etc.
- Understands how to use crayons, paint, glue, pencil and scissors
- Shares ideas with drawings rather than scribbles
- Is willing to try to complete a task



## DOING

- Demonstrates personal care (washing hands, dressing, eating, using the bathroom)
- Recognizes their possessions: jacket, lunchbox, etc.
- Cooperates with clean-up

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's readiness for kindergarten, please contact your child's primary school principal or Cambridge-Isanti Early Childhood program. Preschool programs for children ages 3-5 years old are available. There is a fee associated with preschool, and scholarships are available. Contact Early Childhood at (763) 691-6691 for more information.