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**Kindergarten Program**  
in Minnetonka Public Schools

**2025-26**

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# Welcome to Kindergarten in Minnetonka Public Schools



In Minnetonka, we offer a variety of learning options for Kindergarten. Each Kindergarten teacher has a genuine love for children and love for Kindergarten. Our teachers inspire in children a passion to wonder, discover, create and excel. Using the best of childhood development and brain research, they ignite a love of learning that burns brightly for Minnetonka students through graduation and beyond. Minnetonka's enhanced Kindergarten curriculum provides a full day of learning and fun for all students.

**Is my child eligible for Kindergarten?** Kindergarten students should be five years old by September 1. Parents may request early entrance consideration for children turning five by October 31.

## ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

Minnetonka Schools proudly serves the communities of Minnetonka, Chanhassen, Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, Tonka Bay, Victoria and Woodland. As one of Minnesota's top achieving school districts, Minnetonka also attracts open-enrolled/non-resident students from more than 40 other Minnesota school districts.

The mission of the Minnetonka Public School District, a community that transcends traditional definitions of excellence and where dreams set sail, is to ensure all students envision and pursue their highest aspirations while serving the greater good, through learning and teaching that:

- values and nurtures each person,
- inspires in everyone a passion to excel with confidence and hope, and
- instills expectations that stimulate extraordinary achievement in the classroom and in life.

**Ready to Enroll?** Important steps are required for each resident and open-enrolled child. Be sure to follow the instructions found on page 12 to register!



*Minnetonka teachers inspire in children a passion to wonder, discover, create and excel.*



# Exploring Your Child's Kindergarten Options

## ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Our standard Kindergarten program is an all-day program, first approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2013. Minnetonka continually enhances its Kindergarten curriculum to meet the changing needs of today's learners.

In a caring community of peers and teachers, our primary goal is to inspire in children a love of learning, developed through social and emotional teaching strategies. Our robust curriculum appropriately balances active, playful, hands-on learning with individual, small and large group instruction designed to nurture early academic skills and promote social development.

Teachers attend to fine motor skills, large muscle movement and cognitive development. Our teachers are experts in child development and use the best in brain research to meet each child at their 'just right' learning level and ensure children are well prepared for first grade, as well as for the many opportunities to come throughout their time as a student in Minnetonka Public Schools.

## LANGUAGE OPTIONS

Minnetonka's outstanding Kindergarten program has three language options: English, Spanish Immersion or Chinese Immersion. Each of our neighborhood schools has both an English and an Immersion program within the school. Our outstanding English program provides a literacy-rich environment and has a long history of excellence. Our Spanish and Chinese Immersion programs provide English-speaking children with the opportunity to acquire fluency in a second language while still in elementary school. The Immersion curriculum parallels Minnetonka's English Kindergarten curriculum, except that all subjects are taught in the Immersion language.

Families who enroll in Immersion are asked to make a six-year commitment to the Language Immersion program. (See more information about the program on the next page.) Transportation is provided only within a school's designated attendance area. If a family opts to attend a school other than their neighborhood school for Chinese or Spanish Language Immersion, transportation is the responsibility of the family.

## PARENT OPTIONS PLAN (POP) FOR RESIDENT FAMILIES

Families may use the Parent Options Plan to enroll at any Minnetonka school, on a space-available basis. However, transportation is only provided within school attendance areas.

## OPEN ENROLLMENT

Minnetonka Public Schools welcomes non-resident students through open enrollment. The statewide open enrollment application is available at [minnetonkaschools.org/k-enroll](http://minnetonkaschools.org/k-enroll) and should be returned as soon as possible or by January 15. Minnetonka may continue to accept students after January 15, on a space-available basis. Once a child is enrolled through the Open Enrollment program, the child may attend Minnetonka Schools through graduation, as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment.

## EARLY ENTRANCE

Children turning five between September 2–October 31 may be eligible for early entrance into Kindergarten. This does not apply to the Ready Start Kindergarten program. Parents considering early entrance should contact Joy Curran, Early Enrollment Coordinator. Application materials for early entrance consideration are available on the District website at [minnetonkaschools.org/k-options](http://minnetonkaschools.org/k-options) (choose "Early Enrollment"). Applications are due on or before March 15.

## READY START KINDERGARTEN

Ready Start Kindergarten was developed as an option for families weighing the decision to start Kindergarten or wait another year. This program is a comprehensive Kindergarten experience that prepares students for first grade the following year. It is designed for a small number of children who may not be ready, socially or academically, for traditional Kindergarten. This program does not apply to Early Entrance applicants. This program is tailored to the developmental milestones of a young five-year-old.

At around five years old, children typically achieve significant developmental milestones such as improved motor skills, language development, and social growth. Some key milestones include:

1. **Physical:** Improved coordination, ability to hop, skip and jump, improved fine motor skills like drawing shapes and writing letters.
2. **Cognitive:** Enhanced problem-solving abilities, better understanding of concepts like time and numbers and increased memory capacity.
3. **Language:** Expanded vocabulary, ability to speak in more complex sentences and better communication skills.
4. **Social and Emotional:** Improved social interaction, better understanding of emotions and increased empathy and understanding of others' feelings.

It's essential to remember that each child develops at their own pace, so some variations are normal.

Ready Start Kindergarten is an all-day program, with a part-day option, as well. Choice time and hands-on activities provide students more opportunities to strengthen social and emotional skills. A language-rich environment builds early literacy and academic skills through stories, math manipulatives, puppets and themes, such as 'letter of the week.' Parent involvement is a strength of the program.

A parent-staff conference will be held in the spring to determine specific placement for the next year. Transportation is provided for resident children enrolled in all-day Ready Start Kindergarten, within each school's designated attendance area.

## OPTION FOR PART-DAY ENROLLMENT

We understand that some families prefer less than a full-day schedule for Kindergarten. Responsive to the needs of individual children and families, the Board has approved a part-day option.

Students who attend only part-day will be assigned to an all-day classroom due to the anticipated low interest in this option. If at some time during the year, the family elects to transition to the all-day schedule, the child may do so easily without changing classrooms. All children will start their day at the school's start time. Families who elect part-day enrollment will meet individually with the principal and Kindergarten teacher to establish an early dismissal time, either mid-day or early afternoon. Parents will be fully informed about the portion of the all-day curriculum the child will miss, which will then become the responsibility of the family. Transportation for early dismissal is also the responsibility of the family.



*Did you know? 96% of Minnetonka parents rate Minnetonka Schools excellent or good!*

# Chinese and Spanish Language Immersion

**Spanish or Chinese Language Immersion options** are offered as a school-within-a-school at each of our neighborhood schools. Families electing the Language Immersion Option are asked to make a six-year commitment to the Language Immersion program.

## WHAT IS IMMERSION?

More than 30 years of research indicates that Immersion is the most effective type of foreign language instruction. Students are “immersed” in a foreign language in their classroom, while receiving the District’s standard curriculum. The new language is the medium of instruction, as well as the object of instruction. The goal of language immersion is for students to become proficient in a second language and develop cultural awareness.

## SPANISH AND CHINESE OPTIONS

All families have the option of Kindergarten taught in English, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese. The Immersion program may enable students to pursue international career choices.

Mandarin Chinese, currently offered at Excelsior and Scenic Heights Elementary schools, is among the most-spoken languages in the world and is spoken by one-fifth of the world’s population. Minnetonka has a long language history and was among the first districts in Minnesota to teach Mandarin Chinese.

Spanish is currently offered at Clear Springs, Deephaven, Groveland and Minnewashta Elementary schools. The Hispanic population is the fastest-growing demographic within the United States, and that presents great career opportunities for bilingual professionals. Spanish is the most common choice for a second language among Minnetonka students.

## WHY BEGIN A SECOND LANGUAGE IN KINDERGARTEN?

Brain research shows that young children’s brains are developmentally ready to learn a new language. A child’s brain has twice as many connections as an adult, and using these connections strengthens and maintains them. After this window of opportunity in which a child naturally learns a language closes, the brain slowly becomes less receptive. When children wait until later in life to start studying a world language, the task can be much more challenging.

In Kindergarten, students develop proficiency in the second language by hearing and using the language to learn all of their school subjects, rather than by studying the language by itself. The Immersion teacher speaks the new language nearly all of the time with students, beginning on the first day of school. Children will come to know their teacher as someone who understands English but only speaks in Mandarin Chinese or Spanish. Kindergarten students will speak to their teacher and classmates in English, but within a few years, students learn to speak the Immersion language 100% of the time, as well. By fifth grade, a student’s reading and speaking fluency will be on par with a fifth grader native to the language.

After elementary school, Minnetonka has a continuation of second language development in middle school through high school, so students’ language fluency will continue to mature. Minnetonka’s Immersion pathways provide options for students

during middle school and high school to continue on a path to be successful on the Advanced Placement language and culture exams, sustain a conversational and culturally competent fluency or even begin studying a new language.

## HOW MIGHT IMMERSION AFFECT MY CHILD’S ENGLISH LANGUAGE LITERACY?

Research consistently finds that the Immersion experience actually enhances English language development, but it is important to remember all children learn differently. Since Minnetonka began its Language Immersion program more than 15 years ago, standardized test data on English exams indicate no significant difference among Immersion students and their English-only peers in reading or math. In Minnetonka’s Immersion model, dedicated instructional time in English begins in third grade. This is working well to secure strong English and Immersion language proficiency. Research also finds that learning a second language actually helps students learn their first language better.

## LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE

- Has a positive effect on intellectual growth and enhances a child’s mental development
- Develops flexibility in thinking, sensitivity to languages and a better ear for listening
- Improves a child’s understanding of the native language
- Gives children the ability to communicate with people they would otherwise not have the chance to know
- Opens the door to other cultures and helps a child understand and appreciate people from other cultures and countries
- Increases career opportunities where knowing another language is an asset

Learn more at [minnetonkaschools.org/Immersion](https://minnetonkaschools.org/Immersion)

## IS THE IMMERSION PROGRAM A GOOD FIT FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS?

The Immersion program can be a good fit for a Kindergarten child whose family values learning a second language in elementary school. However, Immersion may not be the best fit for every child or every family.

- Families who prefer their children have a profound command of the English language before learning a second language usually choose our English Kindergarten program.
- The Immersion program is a long-term commitment. Electing Immersion simply because a friend or neighbor made that choice is not wise. Make your decision based on the best interests of your child.
- Developing second language skills will follow a similar pattern to a child’s first language development. If your child was older than most children in acquiring verbal skills or letter and number recognition in English, your child may be more successful in the English program.
- The Immersion program may not be a good fit for a child who has a language-processing disorder.
- If you are not sure whether Immersion is a good fit for your child, contact your school principal for further consultation.





# Diving into Our District's Curriculum

## OUR KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

All Kindergarten classrooms feature a literature-rich environment where students are immersed in songs, chants, books, phonemic awareness, literacy centers and writing activities that build a strong foundation for early literacy. We focus on both oral and written language development.

The math curriculum teaches foundational math concepts on the concrete level first and then moves students toward the abstract level. Daily work with hands-on materials and math manipulatives provides children with opportunities for learning and applying concepts related to number sense, patterns and computation.

Because Kindergartners exhibit a broad range of abilities, their reading, writing and math instruction is differentiated through small group, guided instruction. At the same time, classroom routines, such as the daily calendar, choice-time and morning meeting effectively build a classroom community that promotes social development.

Our District focuses on 21<sup>st</sup> Century fluencies through experiential learning beginning in Kindergarten as students nurture their creativity, collaboration and problem-solving skills. Additional lessons introduce media, information inquiry and global digital citizenry beginning in Kindergarten.

Our enhanced Kindergarten curriculum expands opportunities for hands-on science experiments, early engineering concepts, technology and the arts. Thematic social studies, science and health units provide opportunities that foster safety, decision-making and global citizenship.

As part of Minnetonka's K-5 computer coding curriculum, Kindergartners will use hands-on,

graphic-based tools, like programmable robots and iPad apps, to begin to learn fundamental computer programming skills in a fun and engaging way.

Promoting physical and social development, children are regularly engaged in active, child-initiated, small-group play activities and independent choice activities within a nurturing environment.

## THE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Immersion classrooms follow the Kindergarten curriculum (described above), except that the classroom instruction will be in the second language (Spanish or Chinese). Our Kindergarten teachers know they are introducing a new language to children. Therefore, teachers use body language, visuals, manipulatives, exaggerated facial expressions and expressive intonation to communicate their meaning, and draw students into the language. Teachers carefully structure the day with familiar routines and repetition as children begin to understand words in the Immersion language.

Typically in first or second grade, classroom teachers will request that students try to speak only in the Immersion language. This is a gradual but exciting process. In grades 1-5, classroom instruction continues in the Immersion language. Specials—music, art, physical education and media—are taught in English. Special education and high potential services are also taught in English in all grades.

In third grade, direct instruction in English begins with 70 minutes per day of English taught by an English language arts teacher.



# Before- and After-School Explorers Childcare

## EXPLORERS

Explorers before- and after-school childcare is available at all schools for all children grades K-5. Explorers is open from 6:30 a.m. through 6 p.m. For information, call 952-401-6838.

Explorers offers flexible enrollment. You may register your child for two, three, four or five days per week. Children enjoy a variety of fun learning activities and indoor and outdoor play. Explorers is staffed by experienced, creative and caring professionals.

**Note:** A separate online registration for Explorers needs to be completed in addition to Kindergarten enrollment forms.

## Registration Process

Registration is accepted on a space-available basis. Summer 2025 K-5 Explorers registration opens on **Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025** at 8 a.m. and K-5 School-Year Explorers registration opens **Tuesday, March 11, 2025** at 8 a.m.

## Learn More

To find more information about Explorers registration and fee schedules, visit: [minnetonkaschools.org/explorers](https://minnetonkaschools.org/explorers)



*Explorers offers a safe environment where children are encouraged to pursue their own interests, develop friendships and grow in confidence, independence and respect for themselves and others.*



# Learn More about School Services

## TRANSPORTATION

Kindergarten students typically enjoy riding the yellow school bus with the “big kids” before and after school. School buses transport students within a school attendance area to and from the bus stop nearest their home address. Bus stops in your neighborhood have been established to serve all children. Stops generally have been in place for many years and are proven to be safe and accessible. Family assistance is needed and appreciated at all bus stops.

An alternate stop may be arranged for daycare or a second household. Please submit an “Annual Request For Daycare/Alternate/Open Enrollment” form available at [minnetonkaschools.org/transportation](http://minnetonkaschools.org/transportation).

Though open-enrolled families and the families using the Parent Options Plan are responsible for their transportation to and from school, these students are eligible to ride the bus from any resident stop located within the school attendance area. Please submit an “Annual Request For Daycare/Alternate/Open Enrollment” form available at [minnetonkaschools.org/transportation](http://minnetonkaschools.org/transportation).

Some Open Enrollment families privately contract for bus service outside of the District boundaries. Families or neighborhoods work directly with the District’s transportation partner on private contracts.

## BUS FEE FOR STUDENTS

Minnesota state law requires the District to provide transportation services to all students who live outside a two-mile distance from their school. For children who live within the two-mile boundary and for open-enrolled students that choose a bus stop within two miles of the school, there is a fee for bus service. The driving distance is measured using the District’s bus routing computer

program. The bus fee is currently \$100 per child with a \$250 maximum per family. Fees will be assessed in Skyward in November to the youngest student who will be riding the bus. Bus passes are mailed in August.

Transportation registration forms and information may be found at [minnetonkaschools.org/transportation](http://minnetonkaschools.org/transportation). Transportation sign up for the upcoming school year will be made available in early June.

## MEAL SERVICES

Minnetonka Public Schools’ Nutrition Services department offers a wide variety of healthy choices that teach children how to develop healthy, lifetime eating habits. Current research reinforces the importance of fruits, vegetables and whole grains in the diet. Minnetonka Public Schools participate in the USDA National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Both breakfast and lunch are currently available at no cost to all of our students. The school meal programs require children to take a least one-half cup of a fruit or a vegetable with their breakfast and lunch meal.

All menus are available on the Nutrislice App. Search for Minnetonka Public Schools to select your District.

During the first weeks of school, many school volunteers assist our Kindergarten children in going through the breakfast and lunch line, selecting meal choices and checking out. Currently, additional items may be purchased at some grade levels. In mid-August, parents will receive instructions on how to log in to the District’s “My Single Sign-On” (MySSO) to view your child’s meal account.

## HEALTH SERVICES

Minnetonka Schools have Licensed School Nurses on staff who supervise health office staff. If your child is ever required to take medication while at school, it will be administered by our health office staff or authorized personnel.

If your child has allergies or other chronic conditions, please record this important information on the Annual Verification of Health Information Form completed through online registration or notify the health office directly.

### Immunizations

Your child’s immunization record, a medical exemption or a notarized non-medical (conscientious) exemption must be on file with the school before your child may attend. When you register for Kindergarten, you will be asked to provide this information to the District Enrollment Office. Please complete this task before August 1.

## TECHNOLOGY

Minnetonka is a national leader in using classroom technology to personalize and accelerate learning and to meet the needs of all learners.

In Minnetonka, all Kindergarten classrooms are equipped with bright, clear screens that allow teachers to quickly project visual images from the computer to assist with instruction. Teachers also wear wireless microphones which gently amplify and distribute their voices to all corners of the classroom, enhancing children’s ability to hear new words and sounds and creating a calm and nurturing classroom. Each student has their own iPad, which is kept at school for students to access digital curriculum materials, collaboration



## TONKA ONLINE KINDERGARTEN

Minnetonka Schools offers Tonka Online, an exceptional e-learning experience for students in grades K-12. This fully online program allows students anywhere in Minnesota to have access to the same highly qualified teachers and innovative curriculum that the Minnetonka Public School District is known for providing.

To learn more about Kindergarten opportunities through Tonka Online, visit [tonkaonline.org](http://tonkaonline.org)

tools and individualized instruction materials. Minnetonka’s commitment to technology allows teachers throughout the District to create interactive lessons, draw from a wealth of pre-screened and pre-approved learning tools and keep students engaged and interested in learning.





# Completing Your Child's Registration

**Kindergarten registration is an exciting milestone for families.** In Minnetonka Public Schools, we want to make sure the process is as easy as possible for you and your family. Visit our schools to learn more about what they offer and how different options fit you and your child's needs.

**LEARN MORE** about Minnetonka's Kindergarten options. Minnetonka has outstanding Kindergarten options in English, Spanish and Chinese Immersion, plus Ready-Start Kindergarten and e-learning.

Visit our website to learn more: [minnetonkaschools.org/k-options](https://minnetonkaschools.org/k-options).

**ATTEND** a Kindergarten information event. Minnetonka schools host in-person and virtual information events in November and December. Visit our schools and meet the principal and teachers. For a list of dates and times, see the back cover or visit [minnetonkaschools.org/k-info-night](https://minnetonkaschools.org/k-info-night).

**SELECT** a Kindergarten option that best fits your child. This may be a difficult decision. Speak with your principal, ask your child and talk with friends and family who have recently enrolled their child in Kindergarten.

**CHOOSE** which school you would like your child to attend. Minnetonka School District has six equally outstanding elementary schools. Most children attend their neighborhood elementary school.

The Parent Option Plan (POP) is available for families if they wish to send their child to a different elementary school than their neighborhood school. We also welcome Open Enrollment for non-resident families. The state deadline for applying for Open Enrollment

is January 15. Students who apply after the deadline will be accepted if space is available.

**ENROLL** your resident child. Resident families, you must complete online enrollment for your incoming Kindergarten child, even if you have other children enrolled in the District. The priority deadline for resident online enrollment is January 15.

Resident applications are taken on a rolling basis, but first-choice schools or language programs may be filled. You will be required to upload your child's birth certificate and proof of address. A scan or photo image of these documents is acceptable.

Please contact one of the Student Registration specialists below if you have questions or need assistance with online registration.

## **Student Registration for Student Last Names A-L**

Monika Salden, 952-401-5009  
[monika.salden@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:monika.salden@minnetonkaschools.org)

## **Student Registration for Student Last Names M-Z**

Rebecca Sutliff, 952-401-5012  
[rebecca.sutliff@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:rebecca.sutliff@minnetonkaschools.org)

**District Enrollment Office Business Hours**  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

*January 15  
is the priority  
deadline for both  
resident and open-  
enrolled families.*

**OPEN ENROLL** your non-resident child. To begin our District's open enrollment process, please follow the steps below:

1. Contact Monika or Rebecca in the Student Registration department (see previous page).
2. Complete the State of Minnesota open enrollment application form (visit [minnetonkaschools.org/OE](https://minnetonkaschools.org/OE)) and return to the District Enrollment Office by January 15.
3. Wait for open enrollment approval and further direction from the Minnetonka Schools Enrollment Office. Once approved, you will receive the online link to register.
4. Register to accept your enrollment offer within 10 business days to hold your place.

**UPDATE** your child's immunizations. For the safety of all children, Minnesota law requires written proof that your child has been immunized against certain diseases or has an exemption on file as indicated on page 11. If they are not fully immunized, a medical exemption or notarized non-medical exemption form is required.

When you register for Kindergarten, you will be asked to provide immunization information, a medical exemption form or a notarized non-medical exemption form. You will be asked to provide a copy of this information to the District Enrollment Office when you register; please submit it before August 1. Your child cannot attend school until the immunization information is updated.

If your child has a medical reason for not receiving immunizations, a signed statement from your physician or clinic is needed. Families that object to immunizations must provide a notarized declination form. If you have any questions, please contact staff from your school health office.



**PARTICIPATE** in Early Childhood Screening. State law requires that all children be screened through Early Childhood Screening in a school district or have proof of comparable screening by a non-school provider. This becomes the basis for your child's health file for K-12. If you completed the screening outside of Minnetonka Public Schools, please upload the summary when completing online registration and/or email a copy to [Kate.VanHorne@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:Kate.VanHorne@minnetonkaschools.org). If you need help obtaining a copy of the screening summary, or if your child needs to be screened, please call the Minnetonka Early Childhood screening office at 952-401-6840. Screenings can be booked online at [minnetonkaschools.org/screening](https://minnetonkaschools.org/screening).

**LOOK** for communication from your child's school. Beginning in spring 2025, look for an email communication from your child's school regarding welcome events, Kindergarten practice bus rides, volunteer opportunities and more.

Classroom assignments and online access instructions for your student are typically released in mid-August. Also watch for a "Back to School" webpage on your school website with school supply lists and announcements, viewable at [minnetonkaschools.org](https://minnetonkaschools.org).



We Can't Wait to Meet You!

# Visiting our Schools

Individual tours for families are available upon request.

**CLEAR SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Curt Carpenter  
5701 County Road 101  
Hours: 8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–6950  
Absences: 952–401–6954  
Fax: 952–401–6955

**DEEPHAVEN ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Bryan McGinley  
4452 Vine Hill Road  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.–2:40 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–6900  
Absences: 952–401–6904  
Fax: 952–401–6906

**EXCELSIOR ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Jennifer Smasal  
441 Oak Street  
Hours: 8:00 a.m.–2:40 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–5650  
Absences: 952–401–5655  
Fax: 952–401–5657

**GROVELAND  
ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Andrew Gilbertson  
17310 Minnetonka Blvd.  
Hours: 8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–5600  
Absences: 952–401–5604  
Fax: 952–401–5606

**MINNEWASHTA  
ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Cindy Andress  
26350 Smithtown Road  
Hours: 8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–5500  
Absences: 952–401–5504  
Fax: 952–401–4061

**SCENIC HEIGHTS  
ELEMENTARY**

Principal: Joe Wacker  
5650 Scenic Heights Dr.  
Hours: 8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.  
Phone: 952–401–5400  
Absences: 952–401–5404  
Fax: 952–401–5412



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[MINNETONKASCHOOLS.ORG/K-OPTIONS](https://minnetonkaschools.org/k-options)**



# Discover the Opportunities that Await Your Child at Minnetonka Public Schools

Join us for a preschool story hour or a virtual or in-person information night. You will meet other families and learn about the District's Kindergarten program and options offered at that school. Space for story hours and in-person information nights is limited. Please RSVP for both virtual and in-person events to let us know you'll join us: [www.minnetonkaschools.org/k-info-night](http://www.minnetonkaschools.org/k-info-night)

School Info	Events and Deadlines
Clear Springs Elementary 952-401-6950	Monday, Nov. 18: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 5: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Deephaven Elementary 952-401-6900	Monday, Nov. 4: Virtual Information Night, 6pm Friday, Nov. 15: Preschool Story Hour, 9am Thursday, Dec. 5: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Excelsior Elementary 952-401-5650	Monday, Nov. 18: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 5: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Groveland Elementary 952-401-5600	Monday, Nov. 18: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 5: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Minnewashta Elementary 952-401-5500	Monday, Nov. 4: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 3: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 5: Virtual Information Night, 6pm
Scenic Heights Elementary 952-401-5400	Monday, Nov. 4: In-Person Information Night, 6pm Tuesday, Dec. 3: Virtual Information Night, 6pm Thursday, Dec. 5: In-Person Information Night, 6pm
Tonka Online 952-283-8126	Nov. 11, Nov. 14, Dec. 9, Dec. 12: Virtual Info Nights, 6:30pm
Open-Enrollment Application Deadline	State of Minnesota Application Deadline: <b>January 15, 2025</b>
Resident Priority Deadline	All residents must complete online enrollment for their incoming Kindergarten child, <b>regardless of whether they have other children in the District</b> . The priority deadline for resident online enrollment is January 15, 2025. Resident applications are taken on a rolling basis, but first-choice schools or programs may be filled.
Fall 2025 Dates	Kindergarten Assessments: September 2-3, 2025 First Day of Kindergarten: September 4, 2025

*Note: Events may be subject to change. Changes will be communicated via email if they occur.*

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