

2024-25

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FREE HALF-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN

APPLY TODAY!

Free half-day prekindergarten locations:

Birch Grove School for the Arts
Crest View Elementary School
Edinbrook Elementary School
Fair Oaks Elementary School

Garden City Elementary School
Palmer Lake Elementary School
Park Brook Elementary School
Zanewood Community: A STEAM School

Para hablar con alguien en español sobre el programa gratuito de pre-kinder, por favor contacte a Jorge Brenes al correo electrónico BrenesJ@district279.org o llame al teléfono 612-394-3352.

Yog koj xav nrog ib tug neeg Hmoob tham txog qhov Pre-Kindergarten kev pab cuam no, thov xa email mus rau Kou Vang ntawm tus email: VangK@district279.org los sis hu xov tooj mus rau nws ntawm: 612-394-3358.

Để nói chuyện với người Việt Nam về chương trình mầm non miễn phí, xin liên lạc với cô Thanh Van To tại ToThanh@district279.org hoặc gọi số điện thoại: 612-394-3339.

Si aad qof Soomaali ku hadlaya uga wareysato arrimaha la xiriira barnaamijka kindergarten-ka ka hor (Pre-kindergarten) ee lacag la'aanta ah fadlan kala xiriir Saleban Garbiye email-ka GarbiyeS@district279.org ama ka wac 612-394-3362.

Free half-day every day prekindergarten

Our free half-day prekindergarten program for four-and-five-year-olds meets every school day. The focus of our program is to make sure that students receive instruction, services, and support so they are successful in school and beyond.

Small class sizes mean your child will receive personal attention from our highly trained and caring teaching staff. Free transportation is also available to eligible students who live 0.8 mile or more from their school. To request transportation, please email busquestions@district279.org (see back page to learn more).

This free prekindergarten program is made possible by special funding from the state, which recognizes the established link between early learning opportunities and student achievement.

The free prekindergarten program is available at these schools:

- Birch Grove School for the Arts
- Crest View Elementary School
- Edinbrook Elementary School
- Fair Oak Elementary School
- Garden City Elementary School
- Palmer Lake Elementary School
- Park Brook Elementary School
- Zanewood Community: A STEAM School



What to expect in prekindergarten

While there is some variation among schools, a typical day in prekindergarten may include:

- Morning meeting/afternoon welcome
- Story time
- Breakfast (morning session)
- Choice time and small group work
- Physical activities
- Group activities
- School library and computer lab visits
- Snack (afternoon session)



What will my child learn in prekindergarten?

Our prekindergarten curriculum will help your child prepare for successful learning in school and beyond. Below are some examples of what your child will learn in prekindergarten:

Personal & Social Development

- Express ideas, feelings and needs
- Demonstrate self-control skills
- Use words and other strategies to resolve conflicts

Math

- Count objects
- Duplicate a simple pattern

Language & Literacy

- Connect letters with sounds
- Predict what will happen in a story and talk or draw about it
- Recognize rhyming words

Science

- Ask questions and seek answers through active exploration

Physical Education

- Move body with coordination
- Demonstrate small motor control and coordination

Application deadlines & lottery process

Apply by Dec. 31, 2023

Birch Grove School for the Arts

(separate magnet school application)

Birch Grove School for the Arts is a magnet school with separate application deadlines. Apply to Birch Grove School for the Arts by the first lottery deadline of Dec. 31, 2023. The online application is available at nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.

For more information and/or assistance with the magnet school application, contact Northwest Suburban Integration School District at 763-450-1303.

Note: Prekindergartners with older siblings currently attending Birch Grove School for the Arts must complete a magnet school application; prekindergartners are not automatically enrolled based on an older sibling's enrollment.

About Birch Grove School for the Arts

At Birch Grove School for the Arts, core curriculum in grades K-5 is integrated with music, dance, drama and visual arts for daily classroom instruction. Arts-rich electives and arts troupes provide additional opportunities for students to "learn through our passion for the arts!"

Apply by Jan. 15, 2024

The priority application window for Crest View Elementary School, Edinbrook Elementary School, Fair Oaks Elementary School, Garden City Elementary School, Palmer Lake Elementary School, Park Brook Elementary School and Zanewood Community: A STEAM School is Jan. 15, 2024. Please submit your child's application by this date to have the best chance of acceptance into the district's free prekindergarten program.

Applications received after Jan. 15, 2024, will be processed in the order they arrive.

Note: Students who live within the attendance area of the school offering the free prekindergarten program have the highest priority for enrollment.

After Sept. 10, 2024, applications are considered on a space-available basis for:

- Students living in the attendance areas of other schools offering the free prekindergarten program; and
- Students assigned to other elementary schools in the district or who live outside the school district.

Free transportation is also available to eligible students who live 0.8 mile or more from their school. To request transportation, please email busquestions@district279.org. (see back page to learn more)

For all applications, additional preferences are given in the following order:

1. Sibling — if the student's sibling already attends the requested school.
2. Childcare — if the student's childcare is in the attendance area of the requested elementary school.
3. Employee — if the student's parent/legal guardian is employed by the district.

Priority/preference does not guarantee that students will be accepted into the free prekindergarten program.



Free half-day prekindergarten locations:

Birch Grove School for the Arts

4690 Brookdale Dr., Brooklyn Park
763-561-1374
Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Dr. Ronald Salazar, Principal

Garden City Elementary School

3501 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center
763-561-9768
Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
David Branch, Principal

Park Brook Elementary School

7400 Hampshire Ave. N, Brooklyn Park
763-561-6870
Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Scott Taylor, Principal

Crest View Elementary School

8200 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park
763-561-5165
Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Stephanie Webster, Principal

Fair Oaks Elementary School

5600 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park
763-533-2246
Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sara Looby, Principal

Zanewood Community: A STEAM School

7000 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park
763-561-9077
Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Adrain Pendelton, Principal

Edinbrook Elementary School

8925 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park
763-493-4737
Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Aaron Krueger, Principal

Palmer Lake Elementary School

7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park
763-561-1930
Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Sarah Schmidt, Principal

Enrollment Center

7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
763-585-7350
Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
district279.org/enroll



Apply Now!

Questions? Call **763-585-7350** or email enrollmentcenter@district279.org.

Schedule Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is available at no cost to all children ages three through five. Screening includes a check of vision, hearing, and developmental progress; a review of immunizations and family information; and an individual consultation with parents regarding the child's progress and any identified needs. Please call 763-391-8777 to set up your screening appointment.

Dec. 31, 2023

First lottery deadline for Birch Grove School for the Arts. If you wish to enroll your child at Birch Grove School for the Arts, apply by Dec. 31 in order to be considered in the first lottery. Apply at nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.

Jan. 15, 2024

Open enrollment lottery deadline for Crest View Elementary School, Edinbrook Elementary School, Fair Oaks Elementary School, Garden City Elementary School, Park Brook Elementary School, Palmer Lake Elementary School and Zanewood Community: A STEAM School.

Apply by Jan. 15 so your child has the best chance to be accepted. Submit your child's completed application by email to EnrollmentCenter@district279.org, fax: 763-585-7368; or in the lobby drop box at the Enrollment Center- 7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN, 55429.

Summer 2024

Update your child's immunizations

State law requires written proof that prekindergartners have been immunized against the following (or have an exemption): hepatitis A and B; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP/DT); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; pneumonia; varicella (chicken pox); and Hib. If you have questions about these immunizations or the free immunization clinic, please call 763-585-7350.

Note: Legal exemptions regarding immunizations are allowed for medical reasons and conscientiously held beliefs.

Aug. 2024

Watch for information about transportation and open house!

To request transportation, please email busquestions@district279.org.

Students who are eligible **and** request transportation **before** Aug. 9, 2024:

- Transportation to and from school begins, the first day of school for children who are eligible and have requested transportation.

Students who are eligible and request transportation **after** Aug. 9, 2024:

- Mid-day transportation (to home if morning Pre-K, or to school if afternoon pre-K) for eligible students, is the responsibility of the parent/guardian until mid-day bus routes have been arranged by transportation staff (this may take up to three weeks).
- Children whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) requires specialized transportation will need to contact the Due Process Clerk at their student's school to have them request specialized busing.