

# Edina Early Learning Center

**School Year 2024-25**



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Registration opens  
**January 23**

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## Welcome to the Early Learning Center

**An excellent education with Edina Public Schools begins with our littlest Hornets!  
Our vision is for Each and Every Student to Discover their Possibilities and Thrive.**

The Early Learning Center here at Edina Public Schools offers dynamic programs aimed at creating partnerships with families to achieve our mission of fostering early learners' development. Our services cater to students across age ranges, each program tailored to distinct developmental stages. We provide varied early social and academic learning opportunities. The Early Learning Center takes particular pride in the breadth and depth of its collaboration with parents and guardians. Our goal is help each child reach their full potential.

Options for your family begin at your child's birth. Our popular Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes are taught by parent educators who are experts in the field of child development. Learn from them and other parents who are in the same phase of their parenting journey. Our preschool prepares your child for kindergarten at our nationally recognized elementary schools. These and other programs have been designed with you and your child's growth and learning in mind.

Building strong partnerships between home and school is an Edina Public Schools core value and key to our success in fostering lifelong learning and educational excellence. Family engagement helps build strong home-to-school connections and will have a positive impact on your child's learning for years to come. We are delighted that you are considering the opportunities we have to offer.

We wish you and your family a wonderful experience at the Edina Early Learning Center and look forward to a long relationship with you as your child progresses through Edina Public Schools. **Discover Your Possibilities. Thrive.**

Dr. Stacie Stanley  
Superintendent  
Edina Public Schools



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## 2024/25 ELC School Year:

August 28-May 30

### No School Days:

- Sept 2
- Oct 4, 17-18
- Nov 5, 27-29
- Dec 23-31
- Jan 1-3, 17, 20
- Feb 17, 18
- March 14, 31
- April 1-4, 23
- May 26

## Come Over for a Play Date!

Join us to learn more about our school.

## Early Learning Center Open House Saturday, April 6, 2024 | 9:00-11:00 am

### Can't make the open house? Schedule a tour!

Take a personalized tour to learn about our school. Tours are usually available before 9:00am and after 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

### To Schedule:

Email [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org).

*In the subject line write "ELC Tour Request" and in the body of the email include at least three preferred dates for your tour.*



# ELC School Year 2024-2025 Overview

The Edina Early Learning Center is here to offer you and you, your family, and your child engaging education opportunities. Our programs are designed within four categories which are described below.



## Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Unique to Minnesota, ECFE classes provide opportunities for children and parents to learn and grow together.
- Parent education is provided either separate from children or together, depending on age and family choice.
- ECFE classes are offered from birth to 5 years, with many options to fit your schedule.



## Parent Education

- We offer many classes for parents and children together, such as Busy Babies, Taste of Preschool in Nature, Me & My Dad, and more.
- Parent-only classes help you navigate the ups and downs of the parenting journey, while sharing experiences with other caregivers.



## Preschool Classes

- These classes nurture and expand your child’s next step in their educational development.
- We provide a variety of schedules to fit families’ needs.
- In addition to preschool, we offer childcare and enrichment classes to round out the day.



## Additional Supports

- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Financial Assistance

### The Edina Early Learning Center Offers:

- Support for you and your child from day one, with classes for newborns through preschool
- A family education program with tools and resources so you can parent with confidence
- A developmentally appropriate, play-based learning approach
- An opportunity to connect with other families and opportunities in our community
- A place to belong and connect with other families and discover ways to share your talents





**At the Early Learning Center we support the whole student and their caretakers. Staff are highly trained in building strong social and emotional skills. Our days are full of play-based learning while students develop emergent literacy and numeracy skills needed for Edina kindergarten readiness. We are excited for you to join us as you start your journey in Edina Public Schools.”**



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# The Early Learning Center is where the EPS vision begins



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## New Parent Finds Community Through ECFE

**R**achel Mondry and her husband, Jack, have lived in Edina for eight years, but as first-time expectant parents, they did not know much about the local parenting resources available.

It was not until they were at a neighborhood gathering that Rachel learned about Edina Community Ed's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs.

"My neighbor told me about her experience with ECFE when she had young kids," Rachel explained. "As a first-time mom, I was really excited to hear about it."

Jack, Rachel, and Sloane Mondry



This fall, Rachel enrolled her 15-month-old child in the Toddlin' Tykes ECFE class. As a stay-at-home mom, she was looking to connect with other local parents and families.

Rachel also joined the ECFE Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) as secretary this year. "I've learned so much from being involved with the PTO about the Edina community, school district, administration, and other parents," she shared. "It's given me a greater sense of belonging." After learning that childcare was provided during PTO meetings, Rachel knew she could make the commitment.

For Edina families with young children, Rachel can not recommend ECFE enough. "It's helped me feel so much more a part of the community and connected me with amazing resources," she said. In addition to community connection, ECFE classes teach children social skills through exploration and peer interactions. Parents gain tools and support for effective parenting strategies.

Rachel highlights the ECFE teachers, like Brenda and Linda, as being incredible. Her favorite part is watching them interact with young children.

Participating in ECFE classes and joining the PTO has exceeded Rachel's expectations of the Edina Early Learning Center. "As a new mom, I've appreciated getting to meet other parents and feel part of this community," she explained. "My family feels right at home here."





# Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Our hallmark program for infants, toddlers, and their parents is called “Early Childhood Family Education” or “ECFE.” Unique to Minnesota and supported by the legislature, ECFE has been supporting and strengthening families since 1973.

Edina’s ECFE program is where your family can start its journey with Edina Public Schools. The licensed parent educators and early childhood education teachers are passionate about creating a welcoming environment, where each child and family can explore, connect, and thrive.

ECFE classes help you develop a new appreciation of the world from your child’s perspective, a growing support network of parents on a shared journey, and a shared sense of purpose as you connect with others who want to make a difference and build community.

## Here’s a preview of what you and your child will experience in ECFE:

### Parent-Child Activity Time

You and your child enjoy time together with developmentally-appropriate activities, while connecting with other caregivers and educators.

### Parent Discussion

Join other caregivers and a Licensed Parent Educator to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting while learning effective, up-to-date, research-based parenting strategies.

### Children’s Learning Time

In classes where children and parents separate for the parent discussion, children will stay with licensed early childhood teachers. Children develop social-emotional skills while playing and learning with others.

*We’re here to help you get your child off to a great start! You are your child’s first and most important teacher. We help you enjoy this time together, and give you the tools you need to parent with confidence.*



## Sibling Care

Sibling care is available while you are attending an ECFE class with your infant/toddler. In sibling care, children ages 6 weeks through five years old spend time in age-appropriate exploration, play and activities under the supervision of our highly-trained, dedicated staff. Sibling care is available for all ECFE classes offered between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Sibling care is not available for evening or weekend classes. Register for sibling care when you register for your family education class.

## Age Specifications

Keep in mind to explore classes based on your child’s age as of 9/1/2024.

## Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in the catalog is the most a family will pay.

Annual Income	Participant Pays
\$0 - \$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000 - \$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000 - \$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price



### Non-Separating

Most ECFE classes for the very youngest children have the parent education component within the classroom, so babies and caregivers stay together. These are our “non-separating” classes.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Baby & Me	Birth-6 mo	Mon	9-10 am	9/9/2024	5/19/2025	\$89/mo	0006-1
		Fri	11 am-12 pm	8/30/2024	5/30/2025	\$89/mo	0006-2
Baby & Me Sampler	Birth-9 mo	2nd Mon each month	11:45-12:45 pm	9/9/2024	5/12/2025	Free	
Baby/Toddler Playtime	6-18 mo	Tues	12:30-1:30 pm	9/3/2024	12/17/2024	\$54	PlayPassTue-Fall
		Tues	12:30-1:30 pm	1/7/2025	5/27/2025	\$54	PlayPassTue-WinSpr
Busy Babies	7-11 mo	Mon	10:30-11:30 am	9/9/2024	5/19/2025	\$89/mo	0711-1
		Thurs	11 am-12 pm	8/29/2024	5/29/2025	\$89/mo	0711-2
Stay and Play with Grandparents	Birth-5 yrs	Thurs	11:45-12:45 pm	8/29/2024	12/19/2024	\$54	GrptsThu-Fall
		Thurs	11:45-12:45 pm	1/9/2025	5/29/2025	\$54	GrptsThu-WinSpr
ECFE in Nature	Birth-5 yrs	Wed	11:30-12:30 pm	9/4/2024	10/9/2024	\$100	Nature-Fall
		Wed	11:30-12:30 pm	1/8/2025	2/12/2025	\$100	Nature-Winter
		Wed	11:30-12:30 pm	4/9/2025	5/21/2025	\$100	Nature-Spring

## Separating

As children get ready for more independence, they remain in their space while parents convene in a separate room for a discussion facilitated by a licensed parent educator. These are our “separating” classes.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Toddlin' Tykes	12-17 mo	Tues	9:15-10:30 am	9/3/2024	5/27/2025	\$105/mo	1217-1
		Wed	9:15-10:30 am	8/28/2024	5/28/2025	\$105/mo	1217-2
Tender Tots	18-24 mo	Tues	11-12:15 pm	9/3/2024	5/27/2025	\$105/mo	1823-1
		Wed	11-12:15 pm	8/28/2024	5/28/2025	\$105/mo	1823-2
		Thurs	9:15-10:30 am	8/29/2024	5/29/2025	\$105/mo	1823-3
		Fri	9:15-10:30 am	8/30/2024	5/30/2025	\$105/mo	1823-4

## Classes for Two-Year-Olds

Our two-year-old classrooms are set up to allow children to engage all of their senses as they sing, dance, create, build, problem-solve, communicate and socialize. Children gain confidence, trust and independence as their caregivers separate for a facilitator-led parenting discussion.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Taste of Preschool (1 Day per Week)	24-35 mo	Mon	9-11 am	9/9/2024	5/19/2025	\$170/mo	0002-1
			11:15-1:15 pm			\$170/mo	0002-2
			1:45-3:45 pm			\$170/mo	0002-5
			4-5:30 pm			\$128/mo	0002-6
Taste of Preschool (2 Days per Week)	24-35 mo	Tues*/Thurs	9-11 am	8/29/2024	5/29/2025	\$340/mo	0002-3
	33 mo by 9/1/24	Wed/Fri	9-11 am	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$340/mo	0002-Older2s
Me & My Dad: STEAM	2-5 years	Wed	6-7:30 pm	9/4/2024	10/9/2024	\$150	Dad-1
				1/8/2025	2/12/2025	\$150	Dad-2
				4/9/2025	5/21/2025	\$150	Dad-3

\* Parent Education day is Tuesday







### Classes for 3-5 Year Olds

Families continue or begin their ECFE journey as children enter the pre-K years with our classes for older children. Caregivers build connections with others by sharing experiences while children spend time developing relationships through play and building emergent literacy and numeracy skills.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
ECFE 3s Preschool	3 yrs as of 9/1/24	Mon/Wed/Fri*	8:30-11:30 am	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$441/mo	ECFE3-1
ECFE for Preschoolers 3-5 Years	3-5 years	Fri	12:30-2:30 pm	8/30/2024	5/30/2025	\$170/mo	ECFE35-1
ECFE Family Literacy Preschool	3-5 years	Tues/Thurs	8:30-11:30 am	8/29/2024	5/29/2025	Free	ECFELit-1
ECFE Enrichment	3-5 years	Wed	11:30-2 pm	8/28/2024	12/18/2024	\$155/mo	Enrich-Fall
			11:30-2 pm	1/8/2025	5/28/2025	\$155/mo	Enrich-WinSpr
Jumpstart to Kindergarten	4-5 years	Thurs	4:30-5:30 pm	5/1/2025	5/15/2025	\$93	Kinder-2025

\* Parent Education day is Friday







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Saturday Classes and Multi-Age

If weekday options are a challenge for families’ schedules, the Early Learning Center’s ECFE team is here on Saturdays with great non-separating and multi-age choices. The price listed is per family.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Toddlin’ Tykes Saturdays	12-24mo	Sat	9-10 am	8/31/2024	10/5/2024	\$125	S1224-1
				10/26/2024	11/23/2024	\$125	S1224-2
				1/25/2025	2/22/2025	\$125	S1224-3
				4/12/2025	5/10/2025	\$125	S1224-4
Me & My Dad: STEAM	2-5 years	Sat	9-10:30 am	8/31/2024	10/5/2024	\$125	Dad-Saturday1
				10/26/2024	11/23/2024	\$125	Dad-Saturday2
				1/25/2025	2/22/2025	\$125	Dad-Saturday3
				4/12/2025	5/10/2025	\$125	Dad-Saturday4
Saturday Songs and Stories	Birth-5 years	Sat	10:30-11:30 am	8/31/2024	10/5/2024	\$125	SFamily-1
				10/26/2024	11/23/2024	\$125	SFamily-2
				1/25/2025	2/22/2025	\$125	SFamily-3
				4/12/2025	5/10/2025	\$125	SFamily-4
ECFE: Celebrate the Seasons	Birth-5 years	Sat	9:30-11 am	10/12/2024		\$40/fam	Seasons-Fall
				1/11/2025		\$40/fam	Seasons-Winter
				3/29/2025		\$40/fam	Seasons-Spring
				5/17/2025		\$40/fam	Seasons-Summer

# Colorful Playdough Cookies



## Ingredients

3 ½ cups all-purpose flour,\*  
plus more for dusting

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

¾ cup unsalted butter, softened

4 ounces cream cheese,  
softened

1 cup granulated sugar

¼ cup unsweetened apple sauce

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract

½ teaspoon almond extract

Assorted gel food coloring, such  
as red, yellow and blue

Sanding sugar, for rolling

*\* If you don't plan on eating the raw dough or letting kiddos play with it, you can skip heating the flour and will only need 3 cups, plus more for dusting.*

## Directions

1. To heat the flour, place it in a microwave safe bowl and microwave in 30 second increments, stirring after each, until an instant read thermometer stuck into a few different spots of the flour reaches 180 degrees F. Let cool.
2. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together 3 cups of the flour, salt, baking powder and baking soda.
4. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter, cream cheese and granulated sugar until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the applesauce and mix until combined. Mix in the vanilla and almond extracts. Add the dry ingredients and mix until combined. Divide the dough among 3 bowls and add food coloring, keeping the colors separate. Wearing disposable gloves, knead in the color by hand, or stir it in with a spatula, until homogeneous. If you don't have gloves, you can use a zip-top plastic bag.
5. You can play with and bake the dough now (dust with a little more flour if it gets sticky) or you can put it in an airtight container and refrigerate for an hour or overnight to play with and bake later.
6. Roll each batch of dough into a log about 2 1/2 feet long and 1 inch wide. Line up the three logs of dough and cut each into 6 equal portions. Twist one portion of each of the colored doughs together and roll into a ball to create the desired tie-dye pattern. Roll in sanding sugar, place on the prepared baking sheet and gently press down using your hand. Repeat with the remaining dough, placing the finished cookies an inch apart. Bake until very lightly browned on the bottom but still gooey on the inside, about 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool slightly and enjoy!







# Parent Education

## Parent Education

Parent Education’s goal is to enhance the ability of all parents to provide the best possible environment for their child’s learning and growth. It is a place where all families have people who will walk beside them on their parenting journey. Join us for an ongoing class or one of our stand-alone events!

## Sibling Care

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## Sliding Fee Scale

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“ I love ECFE — so much so that I did classes with all 4 of my kids, babies through pre-K! **Learning from a licensed Parent Educator in a room full of other parents of same-age kids is invaluable.** The friendship, expertise, support, insight, practical tips, and humor shared in every parenting class made me a better parent, without question.”

Jenny Griskevicius  
*Parent Education Class Participant*

“ I really enjoy the opportunity to help parents think about and be more intentional in their parenting. The best thing is facilitating a discussion where parents share ideas, strategies and resources with each other. **Parents benefit from this support, as they feel more confident in their work and can enjoy parenting more.**”

Deb Roberts  
*Licensed Parent Educator*



Individual Parent Education

\$103 IPE24-25

Parenting Elementary Students

Thurs, 12-1:30pm Sep 5-May 1  
\$232 BEYOND-K-5

Parenting Middle School Students

Tue, 12-1:30 pm Sep 3-May 6  
\$232 BEYOND-6-8

Parenting High School Students

Tue, 12-1:30 pm Sep 10-May 13  
\$232 BEYOND-9-12

Parenting Boys

Mon, 12-1:30 pm Sep 9-May 12  
\$232 BOYS-1

Parenting Girls

Thurs, 12-1:30 pm Sep 12-May 8  
\$232 GIRLS-1

Parenting Podcast

Thurs, 7-8 pm Sep 3-Sep 24  
\$77 PODCAST-Fall  
Thurs, 7-8 pm Jan 14-Feb 4  
\$77 PODCAST-Wtr

ECFE Book Study\*

Wed, 12:30-1:30 pm Sep 4-Oct 2  
\$96 BOOK-Fall  
Wed, 12:30-1:30 pm Jan 29-Feb 26  
\$96 BOOK-Wtr

Modern Parenting Styles

Thurs, 12-1 pm Sep 12-Sep 26  
\$58 MODERN-Fall  
Thurs, 12-1 pm Feb 13-Feb 27  
\$58 MODERN-Wtr

Instagram vs Reality

Tues, 7-8 pm Oct 1-Oct 15  
\$58 INSTAGRAM-Fall  
Tues, 7-8 pm Feb 25-Mar 11  
\$58 INSTAGRAM-Wtr

ESCE & ECFE

Birth to Three Oct 9-Oct 23  
Wed, 12-1 pm ECFE-ECSEFall  
\$58  
Ages 3-5 Jan 8-Jan 22  
Wed, 12-1 pm ECFE-ECSEWtr  
\$58



**All Caregivers Welcome**

While we use the word “parent,” we recognize that not all family structures look the same. Any and all adults parenting and/or caregiving are welcome in our classes.

Pyramid 101

Fri, 12-1 pm Sep 13-Sep 27  
\$58 PYRAMID-101

Popular Topics in Parenting:  
ECFE Monthly Series\*\*

Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Sep 13, 2024
\$25	PTP-Discipline
Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Oct 11, 2024
\$25	PTP-PottyTraining
Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Nov 15, 2024
\$25	PTP-Sleep
Sat, 9:30-10:30 am	Dec 7, 2024
\$30	PTP-MessyArt
Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Jan 10, 2025
\$25	PTP-PowerStruggle
Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Feb 21, 2025
\$25	PTP-Siblings
Sat, 9:30-10:30 am	Mar 22, 2025
\$30	PTP-Steam
Fri, 11 am-12 pm	Apr 18, 2025
\$25	PTP-Celebrations
Sat, 9:30-10:30 am	May 10, 2025
\$30	PTP-Nature



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*\*The book “Good Inside” by Dr. Becky Kennedy is included in the price*  
*\*\*Friday sessions are for caregivers only. Saturdays are for caregivers and children (one registration per family)*



# Preschool for 3-5 Year Olds

The Edina Early Learning Center’s preschool program for three to five-year olds helps our young learners develop their emergent literacy and math skills through play-based learning by using The Creative Curriculum. Teachers are trained in the Pyramid Model, a framework to help kids develop healthy social skills and learn to advocate appropriately for their needs. Our goal at the ELC is to support children’s growth and learning so they can be ready to thrive in Edina kindergarten.

## Looking to extend your child’s time at school?

Consider an add-on Enrichment or Childcare option! See our preschool add-on options on pages 18 and 19!

## No School Days:

Sept 2  
Oct 4, 17-18  
Nov 5, 27-29  
Dec 23-31  
Jan 1-3, 17, 20  
Feb 17, 18  
March 14, 31  
April 1-4, 23  
May 26



## A Day in the Life of a Preschooler:

### *Circle Time/Morning Meeting*

Each day starts with attention focused on building a strong community through songs, read-alouds, stories and calendar. All staff model social and emotional skills, including creating and maintaining friendships.

### *Literacy*

Students begin to develop their emergent literacy skills through activities focused on building concepts about print, oral language skills, comprehension, letters and sounds and some early writing practice.

### *Math*

Emergent numeracy and math skills include activities that develop number sense, patterning, colors/shapes and other math concepts.

### *Science*

Science is all around us and students will learn how to explore, question and discover through scientific themes like nature, plants, animals, ecosystems and weather.

### *Choice Time/Gym/Creative Movement*

Self-directed learning is imperative to a child’s development, so we provide many opportunities for free play and large motor play. We have 4 large motor spaces at the ELC; two gyms, an Action Based Learning room, and a big playground!


### *Art, Music and Theater*

Learning in preschool happens through an artistic, musical lens. Students will sing, dance and act out their learning multiple times each day.



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Students learn under the framework of three simple rules:

**Be Safe**

**Be Kind**

**Solve Problems**



**Aa**

**9 out of 11**

preschool teachers  
have taught at the  
ELC for 3+ years.



**99%** of preschoolers  
meet or exceed  
math proficiencies.



**100%** of students  
achieved pre-reading  
skills and read fluently  
at a preschool level.



**36 different languages**

are spoken at home by our families.



Half Day Preschool

Our half day model provides a robust social emotional play-based opportunity. Students spend time developing relationships through play while building emergent literacy and numeracy skills.

Half Day 3s

For students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Preschool for 3s	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$680/mo	0003-1
	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:30-11:30am	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$425/mo	0003-2
	Tues/Thurs	8:30-11:30am	8/29/2024	5/29/2025	\$280/mo	0003-3
	Mon/Tues/Wed	12:30-3:00pm	8/28/2024	5/28/2025	\$360/mo	0003-5

Half Day 4s

For students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
PreK for 4s	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30am	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$680/mo	0045-1
	Tues/Wed/Thurs	8:30-11:30am	8/28/2024	5/29/2025	\$425/mo	0045-3
	Tues/Wed/Thurs	12:30-3:00pm	8/28/2024	5/29/2025	\$360/mo	0045-5





## Full Day Preschool

Being a part of a community of learners is an essential preschool skill. Our full day model provides students an opportunity to lengthen their time building relationships through play while developing emergent literacy and numeracy skills. Students in our full day classes have a rest time, eat lunch at school and have multiple opportunities for large motor play throughout their day. The academic day is 8:30 am–2:30 pm. ELC policy limits students attendance to 9 hours per day.

### Full Day 3s

For students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Preschool for 3s	Mon-Fri	7:30-5:30pm	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$1510/mo	0003-AD
	Mon/Tues/Wed	7:30-5:30pm	8/28/2024	5/28/2025	\$905/mo	0003-ADMTW

### Full Day 4s

For students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
PreK for 4s	Mon-Fri	7:30-5:30pm	8/28/2024	5/30/2025	\$1510/mo	0045-AD
	Mon/Tues/Wed	7:30-5:30pm	8/28/2024	5/28/2025	\$905/mo	0045-ADMTW



## Childcare for Preschoolers

Do you need a little extra care for your child before or after preschool? We’ve created flexible options just for you! Your child will be escorted by classroom staff to/from the childcare space when you add this option to your weekly schedule. Children enrolled in childcare participate in a variety of age-appropriate play-based activities. Students enjoy playground/gym time, creative art projects, circle time, and self-directed play. Quiet body time occurs each afternoon.

Children must be registered for an Early Learning Center preschool class to be eligible.

Childcare follows the Early Learning Center calendar, so when school is not in session, childcare is closed.

Childcare is offered on a space-available basis.

### Childcare Blocks: Monday-Friday

Block	Time	Rate
1	7:30-8:30 am	\$9.65/day
2	8:30-11:30 am	\$28.90/day
3	11:30 am-12:30 pm	\$9.65/day
4	12:30-3 pm	\$24.10/day
5	3-5:30 pm	\$24.10/day
Enrichment Block*	2-3 pm	\$9.65/day

*\*Available only for students enrolled in an Enrichment class*

### Sample Schedules

Sample Schedule 1	
8:30-11:30 am	Preschool
11:30-2 pm	Enrichment Class
2-3 pm	Childcare-Enrichment Block
Sample Schedule 2	
8:30-11:30 am	Preschool
11:30-3 pm	Childcare Blocks 3 & 4
Sample Schedule 3	
12:30-3 pm	Preschool
3 pm-5:30 pm	Childcare Block 5
Sample Schedule 4	
8:30 am-12:30 pm	Preschool
12:30 pm-3 pm	Childcare Block 4





## Enrichment Classes for Preschoolers

Enrichment classes provide children the opportunity to be creative and explore their natural gifts, talents and passions. These classes allow students to extend classroom learning, build additional skills, and make new social connections through small group learning.

All children are welcome to register for enrichment classes, regardless if they attend preschool at the ELC or not. Students will have lunch, provided by the ELC or brought from home, and enjoy some outdoor time before transitioning to enrichment class.

All enrichment classes run from 11:30-2:00 pm and follow the school year calendar.

Class Title	Age	Day	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
STEM	3-5 years	Mondays	9/9/2024	12/16/2024	\$368	STEM-Fall
	3-5 years	Mondays	1/6/2025	5/19/2025	\$417	STEM-WinSpr
Book Buddies	3-5 years	Tuesdays	9/3/2024	12/17/2024	\$368	BookBuddies-Fall
	3-5 years	Tuesdays	1/7/2025	5/27/2025	\$466	BookBuddies-WinSpr
Nature Exploration	3-5 years	Wednesdays	8/28/2024	12/18/2024	\$392	Nature-Fall
	3-5 years	Wednesdays	1/8/2025	5/28/2025	\$466	Nature-WinSpr
Little Chefs	3-5 years	Thursdays	8/29/2024	12/19/2024	\$368	LittleChefs-Fall
	3-5 years	Thursdays	1/9/2025	5/29/2025	\$490	LittleChefs-WinSpr
Music Makers	3-5 years	Fridays	8/30/2024	12/20/2024	\$343	Music-Fall
	3-5 years	Fridays	1/10/2025	5/30/2025	\$417	Music-WinSpr

## Super Saturdays for Preschoolers

These hands-on 4-week sessions let your 3-5 year old explore and learn through fun projects and activities. Caregivers attend with their child.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Builders	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	9/7/2024	9/28/2024	\$70	SS-Builders
Service Projects	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	10/26/2024	11/16/2024	\$70	SS-ServiceProjects
Explosions!	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	1/11/2025	2/1/2025	\$70	SS-Explosions
Kids Crafts	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	2/8/2025	3/8/2025	\$70	SS-KidsCrafts
Little Woodworkers	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	3/15/2025	4/19/2023	\$70	SS-LittleWoodworkers
Gardening	3-5 years	Saturdays	9-10 am	4/26/2025	5/17/2025	\$70	SS-Gardening

# Get Ready for Kindergarten!



Our kindergarten program exposes our littlest Hornets to a robust kindergarten curriculum while learning through play, fostering social-emotional development and sparking curiosity that sets the foundation for life-long learning.

## Enrollment Week:

Monday, 1/15 8:30am to  
Friday, 1/26 4:00pm.

For the latest information, visit us online.



[www.edinaschools.org/enrollment/kindergarten-enrollment](http://www.edinaschools.org/enrollment/kindergarten-enrollment)



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# Shape Monsters

## Materials

- Construction paper with different colors
- Background paper
- Glue sticks
- Googley Eye stickers

## Directions

**Step 1:** Cut colorful paper into shapes—rectangles, circles, squares of different sizes

**Step 2:** Start gluing shapes onto the backing paper in any order to make your monster, don't forget to give your monster some eyes!



**Can look  
however you  
imagine!**





# Get involved to support our school!



The ELC PTO is a non-profit group open to all parents and caregivers of the ELC. There is no cost to join.

The ELC PTO exists to provide opportunities to engage with and support the ELC's mission of enhancing the quality of family life through early childhood and family education.

We do this through:



**Advocacy**



**Community Engagement**



**Teacher Appreciation**



**Fundraising**

Not only does the PTO support our school but it provides a way to meet and connect with other caregivers in our school community.

Please consider sharing your time and talents with the PTO! Learn more about how to get involved: [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/get-involved/pto](https://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/get-involved/pto) or email [edinaelcpto@gmail.com](mailto:edinaelcpto@gmail.com).

We look forward to meeting you!



# Additional Supports



## Early Childhood Screening

Early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid growth. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is required by the state of Minnesota to be completed before starting kindergarten, and it is a FREE service that usually takes about an hour to complete.

At your child's first screening, a trained professional will check on the following:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunization review
- Large and small muscles/motor skills
- Thinking, language, and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

### To schedule your free screening:

Visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/learning/developmental-screening](https://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/learning/developmental-screening)

### Questions?

Contact our Outreach Specialist, Affey Sigat, at [affey.sigat@edinaschools.org](mailto:affey.sigat@edinaschools.org) or 952-848-3985

## Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is an Edina Public Schools program that provides intervention to young children, from birth to kindergarten, who show developmental delay in the general areas of speech and language, large and fine motor skills, social and emotional behavior, cognitive and/or adaptive skills, or have vision or hearing losses.

### For more information:

Call 952-848-4231 or email Kate Strand, ECSE Facilitator at [kate.strand@edinaschools.org](mailto:kate.strand@edinaschools.org).

# Financial Assistance

## ECFE Classes—Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in this catalog is the most a family would pay.

Annual Household Income	Participant Pays
\$0 - \$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000 - \$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000 - \$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price

## Preschool Classes—Scholarship

For classes without a parenting component, financial assistance is available in the form of a preschool scholarship for qualifying families.

Please visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register](http://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register) and select “Financial Assistance” at the top menu. You can also contact our Outreach Specialist at 952-848-3985 for more information.

### For more information:

For all billing information and policies, please visit [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register](http://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register).





# Registration Information

**ECFE registration opens 8 am:**

**January 23** for Edina residents;  
**January 30** for our neighbors



**Register online!**  
[edina.ce.eleyo.com](https://edina.ce.eleyo.com)

## Set Up Your Account:

Set up an account prior to registration.

Then, when registration opens, log on, select your classes and complete the process. Keep in mind to explore classes based on your child’s age as of 9/1/2024.

### To create an account:

Create an account at [edina.ce.eleyo.com](https://edina.ce.eleyo.com) or log in to verify or update your information.

## Have questions?

**We’re here to help!**

**Email:** [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org)

**Phone:** (952) 848-3908

**In Person:** M-F, 8 am–4 pm at the Edina Community Center

### We are in the Edina Community Center:

Edina Community Center  
5701 Normandale Road  
Edina, MN 55424

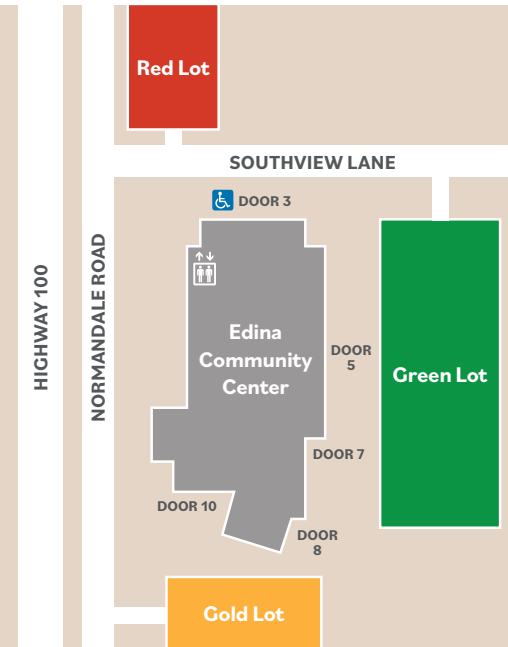
### Entrance and parking information:

Park in the Green Lot and enter Door 5

**NEW Preschool contract request window:**

**January 23 (8 am)–February 5 (11:59 pm)**

Contract requests will be accepted during this two-week window. Contracts will be accepted on a space-available basis. If more contracts are requested than available in a specific program, a random computerized lottery, with no preference for contract request date, will be held. Lottery details are available online at [earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register](https://earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register).



### Cancellation and Refund Policy

We hate to do it, but sometimes Edina Early Learning Center has to cancel a class due to weather, low enrollment, or other evolving situations. And sometimes you need to cancel a class. We understand. Schedules and priorities change. Please visit our website at [earlylearning.edinaschools.org](https://earlylearning.edinaschools.org) and click on “Register” to learn more about cancellation timelines, refunds and fees for all of our programs, in addition to information about weather related cancellations, late pick-up fees and more.

### Photo Consent

Unless you notify Edina Early Learning Center, photos taken within Early Learning Center classes/programs/activities may be included in Early Learning Center publications.

### Data Privacy

Your privacy is important to us. The registration information you provide to Edina Early Learning Center is considered private

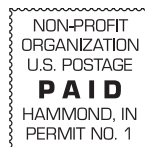
data under state and federal law. We use the information you provide for the purposes of administering the activity and to contact you about upcoming activities. While you may choose to withhold this information, there may be consequences that could limit the distribution of information to the participant (e.g., no team roster or class confirmation). Access to contact information is limited to individuals involved in the activity.

### Satisfaction Guaranteed

If for any reason you are not happy with the quality of one of our education programs, classes or activities, we want to know about it. We work hard to offer high quality programming that meets the needs of learners of all ages, stages, abilities and interests and to recruit dynamic, enthusiastic teachers who care about learning for life and connecting community. Please call us at (952) 848-3908 to offer your constructive feedback, and we will be glad to work with you to make things right.



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Edina, MN 55424



## Come over for a play date!

We'd love to meet you and show you around!

### Early Learning Center Open House

Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
9:00-11:00 am

### Edina Community Center

5701 Normandale Road, Edina  
Park in the Green Lot on the east side  
of ECC Enter Door 5

### Can't make the open house?

Take a personalized tour to learn about our school. Tours are usually available before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

### To Schedule:

Email [early.learning@edinaschools.org](mailto:early.learning@edinaschools.org)

In the subject line write "ELC" Tour Request" and in the body of the email include at least three preferred dates for your tour.