

SAUK RAPIDS-RICE EARLY LEARNING CENTERS

2025-2026
Preschool



SAUK RAPIDS-RICE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A path for every student.

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Nurturing. Supportive. Navigating growth and development together.

Sauk Rapids-Rice Public Schools offers early childhood programs that nurture the growth and development of young learners and provide support to families as they journey through this significant time.





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Preschool Classes

**4 & 5
Year Olds**

- Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2025
- Childcare Available - Preschool Kids Club
- Students must be fully toilet trained

HILLSIDE

OPTION
1

5 days per week

Monday–Friday
8:30–11:00 a.m.

OPTION
2

5 days per week

Monday–Friday
12:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

OPTION
3

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:30–11:00 a.m.

OPTION
4

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
12:30–3:00 p.m.

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OPTION
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5 days per week - Full Day

Monday–Friday
8:45 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

OPTION
4

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:45–11:15 a.m.

OPTION
5

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
12:45–3:15 p.m.

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Preschool Classes

3
Year olds

- Students must be 3 years old by September 1, 2025
- Childcare Available - Preschool Kids Club
- Students must be fully toilet trained

HILLSIDE

OPTION
5

2 days per week

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30–11:00 a.m.

OPTION
6

2 days per week

Tuesday & Thursday
12:30–3:00 p.m.

OPTION
7

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
8:30–11:00 a.m.

MUST BE 3 BY MARCH 1, 2025

OPTION
8

3 days per week

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
12:30–3:00 p.m.

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Start/End Times



HILLSIDE

Morning Class

🕒 8:30–11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Class

🕒 12:30–3:00 p.m.

RICE

Morning Class

🕒 8:45–11:15 a.m.

Afternoon Class

🕒 12:45–3:15 p.m.

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February 5

8:00 a.m.

Early bird for current families in programming and Sauk Rapids-Rice staff

February 7

8:00 a.m.

Enrollment open for all


By the end of May, you will receive what class you are enrolled in, and in mid August teacher assignment will be in Skyward.

September 2

First day of school



Timeline



Transportation is not available for
preschool students.



Transportation



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Tuition



- Tuition is an annual amount divided into nine equal payments
- The non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is due at the time of enrollment.
- The first payment is due: August 15, 2025
- Remaining payments due: October 1– May 1, 2026 (on the first of each month)

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All rates are per month for nine months

4 & 5 Year Olds

	\$65,000+	\$35,000-\$64,999	\$0-\$34,999
1/2 Day M-F (5 days)	\$325	\$305	\$290
+ Preschool Kids Club option	\$525	\$525	\$525
Total Preschool + Kids Club/month	\$850	\$830	\$815
1/2 Day M, W, F (3 days)	\$230	\$215	\$200
+ Preschool Kids Club option (M, W, F ONLY)	\$330	\$330	\$330
Total Preschool + Kids Club/month	\$560	\$545	\$530

3 Year Olds

	\$65,000+	\$35,000-\$64,999	\$0-\$34,999
1/2 Day M, W, F (3 days)	\$230	\$215	\$200
+ 1/2 Preschool Kids Club option (M, W, F ONLY)	\$330	\$330	\$330
Total Preschool + Kids Club/month	\$560	\$545	\$530
MUST BE 3 BY MARCH 1, 2025			
1/2 Day T & TH (2 days)	\$180	\$165	\$150
+ Preschool Kids Club option (T & TH ONLY)	\$237	\$237	\$237
Total Preschool + Kids Club/month	\$417	\$402	\$387

- Assumes K-12 school year calendar - 170 days
- Care options are available on non-school days or non-school readiness days for \$32.00 per day.

Preschool Tuition with or without Preschool Kids Club



2025–2026 School Year

There are a variety of ways a family may receive tuition assistance at Sauk Rapids-Rice Early Childhood. Scholarship dollars are available to those who qualify. Please contact the main office if you need help completing any paperwork or have additional questions about scholarships.



REGISTRATION

1

Ensure that your online registration has been completed. Once you have enrolled in a class, you can apply for tuition assistance.



EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FORM

2

The Educational Benefits Form (often referred to as the Free/Reduced Lunch form) must be completed. This form will be used to determine which scholarship you may apply for. In addition to verifying your income for scholarships, your application helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.



PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

3

You may be eligible for a Pathway 1 or 2 scholarship if your child has not yet turned 5 years old prior to September 1, 2023 AND our family participates in one of these programs:

- Free/Reduce Lunch
- MFIP, CCAP or SNAP
- Foster Care
- Head Start
- Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

4

Additional scholarship dollars are available through School Readiness funds from the MN Department of Education. Children must meet these requirements:

- Turns 3 years of age or older before September 1, 2023
- Completed an Early Childhood Screening within 90 days of program enrollment
- Have an identified risk factor

Tuition Assistance

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OF EDUCATION



Preschool Features

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS)
 - Prepared
 - Accepting
 - Trustworthy
 - Helpful
- Fully Integrated Special Education including Speech/Language
- Full time nurse
- All SRR Early Childhood preschool teachers are fully licensed by the state of Minnesota
- Access to:
 - Gym and/or Media Center
 - Smart Course
 - Outdoor Play
- Four Star Parent Aware Rating



Social-Emotional Learning

- Meeting friends/learning names
- Getting along with others
- Following classroom expectations
- Understanding "Storm Strong"
- Gaining independence: using a
 - locker
 - getting dressed
 - backpack
 - supplies
 - library books
- Self-regulation, problem-solving
- Daily dramatic play



Academic Learning Early Literacy

- Book/Print Awareness
- Letter Names/Sounds
- Phonemic Awareness
- Vocabulary Development
- Early Writing



Academic Learning Early Math

- Number Knowledge
- Patterns
- Geometric Shapes/Spatial Thinking
- Measurement
- Data Analysis



Physical Development

- Body Control
- Coordination
 - Jump
 - Crawl
 - Run
 - Hop
 - Skip
- Build Hand Strength
 - coloring
 - drawing
 - writing





PRESCHOOL KIDS CLUB

Wrap-Aaround care for children enrolled in Preschool

Preschool Kids Club is a safe, structured, school-age childcare program for children enrolled in Preschool at Rice Elementary School or Hillside Early Childhood, and is sponsored by Sauk Rapids-Rice Community Education.

Your child will grow, spend time with friends and experience unique opportunities that promote exploration and creativity. Students participate in a variety of activities that incorporate language arts, science, math, technology, arts, social-emotional learning, fine and gross motor skill use, and physical activity. Preschool Kids Club helps students learn about themselves and the world around them in a safe, structured, and inclusive environment. We hope your student will join us!

School Age Childcare Coordinator

Amy Dierks

amy.dierks@isd47.org

320-258-1112

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**PRESCHOOL
KIDS CLUB**



Hillside/Rice Preschool Kids Club offers:

10:1 child-to-staff ratio

Open on all scheduled school days

Begins: September 3, 2025–May 28, 2026

Hours: 6:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Location: Hillside School 30 South 4th Avenue, Sauk Rapids, MN

Location: Rice Elementary School 200 NE 3rd Ave, Rice, MN

Care options are available on non-school days and non-school readiness days for \$32.00 per day.

Care will be available during the summer.

School Age Childcare Coordinator

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Health Services



Health Services Assistant

Alison Ward

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Rice/District Nurse

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Required Immunizations

- Information can be found on the website under health services, immunization
- Medical/non-medical exemption

Please return Immunization/medical/non-medical exemption form by May 2, 2025

Early Childhood Screening

- Required by state law
- Free of charge
- Recommended for ages 3.5-4 years, designed for children ages 3.5-5 years.

If your child has not been screened call 320-258-1186



Health Services



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Health Services



- Medications at school - Require a medication order from a medical authority* and pharmacy labeled bottle
- Major Health Concerns
 - Life Threatening Allergies (LTA)/Diabetes/Seizures
 - Please set up an appointment with the School Nurse if your child has a critical health condition prior to the start of school. Sue Cook at 320-258-1754.
 - Any known health concerns should be documented during enrollment

*Medical doctors, clinical psychologists, physician assistants, or nurse practitioner who has treated the student.

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How to Register

Current Families

New Families


Current Families Early Childhood Registration 2023-2024 School Year



1

Welcome back, students and families, for the 2023-2024 Preschool Year.

All current families with an enrolled preschool or early childhood student and wish to enroll in preschool for 2023-2024 please visit <https://www.isd47.org> and click on the "Skyward Family Access" icon to continue your child's Storm Journey.

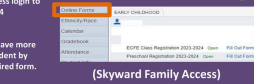


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Skyward Family Access

Families will use their existing Skyward Family Access login to complete the registration process for the 2023-2024 Preschool and Early Childhood school year.

The registration process is student specific. If you have more than one child please complete a form for each student by clicking on "Online Forms" and selecting each required form.




(Skyward Family Access)

3

Preschool and Wrap Around Care Class Registration

(Online Form: Preschool Registration 2023-2024)

The Preschool Registration form for the 2023-2024 school year has seven steps to complete. When you have finished all the required steps you can submit the registration form. The form will be marked as complete once you have successfully submitted it. Forms not fully submitted may delay registration.




(Online Form: Preschool Registration 2023-2024)

4

ECFE Class Registration

(Online Form: ECFE Registration 2023-2024)

The Early Childhood Registration form for the 2023-2024 school year has five steps to complete. When you have finished all the required steps you can submit the registration form. The form will be marked as complete once you have successfully submitted it. Forms not fully submitted may delay registration.



(Online Form: ECFE Registration 2023-2024)

5

Registration Complete

Thank you for choosing our district. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please call 320-253-4703 or email info@isd47.org.

We cannot wait to welcome you back in 2023-2024!

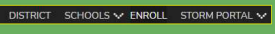
New Families Early Childhood Registration Guide 2023-2024 School Year



1

Welcome, students and families, to an exciting next step in learning and growth.

Whether you are new to the district, a current family of the district or do not currently live in the district please visit <https://www.isd47.org/enroll> to start your child's Storm Journey.

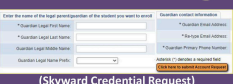


2

Skyward/New Student Enrollment

After you submit your account request an email with your login and password will be sent to the email address you provided.

Use the link in the email to log in and begin the process. The email will be sent from do_not_reply@isd47.org, be sure to add this email address to your valid email recipients to avoid it being flagged by your spam filter.



(Skyward Credential Request)


3

Preschool Registration/Class Preference

(Step Six: Early Childhood Registration)

There are six steps to complete the online registration process. You will be asked to upload the following documents: Proof of Residency, Immunization Records and Birth Certificate.

All documents, including completed Early Childhood Registration forms (step six), must be completed in full to ensure there are no delays in your enrollment.



(Online Form: Early Childhood Registration 2023-2024)


4

Finalize Registration

(Submit Completed Application)

When all steps are complete and all required documents have been uploaded you can click "Submit Application to the District".

The school office staff will be in contact with registered families in late March / early April to confirm your preschool class placement.



5

Registration Complete

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We cannot wait to meet you in 2023-2024!

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Choose Your Path

Read through your options carefully! Click the options link for details and directions.

OPTION
1

**CURRENT PRE-K FAMILY
WISHING TO ENROLL IN PRE-K
CLASS FOR 2025–2026**

[CLICK HERE](#)

OPTION
2

**CURRENT SAUK RAPIDS-RICE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAMILY NEW
PRE-K STUDENT TO ENROLL**

[CLICK HERE](#)

OPTION
3

**NEW FAMILY TO
SAUK RAPIDS-RICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

[CLICK HERE](#)



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Contact Us



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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Rice Elementary | 200 NE 3rd Avenue
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Rice, MN 56367

Phone: 320-255-8910

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THANK YOU

THE
STORM
STARTS HERE!

