

Early Learning Preschool Programming

2/22/24

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Robbinsdale Area Schools is located on the homelands of the Dakota and Ojibwe people.

We recognize the painful history of genocide and forced assimilation of the Indigenous inhabitants of this land.

We honor and respect the many Indigenous peoples who live on and hold sacred these lands, and we stand with members of these Nations to fight injustice in all of its forms.

We uphold the preservation of Dakota and Ojibwe languages, land based education, and tribal sovereignty.

Robbinsdale Area Schools
mission is to inspire and
educate all learners to
develop their unique potential
and positively contribute to
their community.

Early Learning Vision Statement

Robbinsdale Area Schools Early Learning program strives to provide a welcoming and culturally responsive community that encourages lifelong learning, connection and play for all children and caregivers.

Preschool Options

- ECFE Preschool
- 2-5 day Fee Based Preschool
- 5 day Free Preschool



ECFE Preschool

- 2 or 3 days a week for 2.5 hours in the morning
- 3 & 4 year olds
 - Must be 3 by 9/1/24
- A parent/guardian attends 1 day a week
 - Parents/guardians meet as a group with a Parent Educator
- Classes held at New Hope Learning Center
- Families provide transportation
- Sliding fee scale & registration fee

2-5 day Fee-based Preschool @ NHLC

- 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week
 - Most classes are for 3 & 4 year olds
 - Must be 3 by 9/1/24
 - 2 class options for students as young as 30 months by 9/1/24
- Classes are 2.5 hours
 - Morning classes are 8:15 - 10:45 am
 - Afternoon classes are 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
- Families provide transportation
- Classes held at New Hope Learning Center
- Sliding fee scale & registration fee

5 day Fee-based Preschool @ ZLE

- 5 days a week
- 3 & 4 yr olds; must be 3 by 9/1/24
- Classes are 2.5 hours
 - Morning classes are 7:45 - 10:15 am
 - Afternoon classes are 11:35 am - 2:05 pm
- Class held at Zachary Lane Elementary
- Families provide transportation
- Sliding fee scale & registration fee

5 day Free Preschool

- Student must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2024
- Offered at the following elementary schools:
 - Noble, Neill, Meadow Lake, Lakeview, Northport, Sonnesyn, Forest
 - Morning session: 7:45 - 10:15 am
 - Afternoon session: 11:35 am - 2:05 pm
 - One full day class offered at Northport: 7:45 am - 2:05 pm
- Offered at New Hope Learning Center
 - Morning session: 8:15 - 10:45 am
 - Afternoon session: 11:45 am - 2:15 pm
- Transportation is available
 - Home address or child care must be within school boundaries

Early Childhood Indicators of Progress: Minnesota's Early Learning Standards



A set of shared expectations which are aligned with the K-12 Academic Standards and ensure equitable access to a robust education across programs for all children.

The areas of learning or domains included in the ECIPs are:

- physical and movement development
- language
- literacy and communications
- mathematics
- science
- social systems
- approaches to learning
- the arts
- social and emotional development

Robbinsdale Early Learning follows the [*Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators*](#) published by the [*National Association for the Education of Young Children*](#).

All of our curricular tools align with these standards, as well as the Minnesota Department of Education ECIPs.



Early Learning Instructional Foundations

- Creative Curriculum
- Second Step
- Pyramid Model Social/Emotional Framework
- LETRS for Early Childhood
- GOLD assessment tool

Creative Curriculum

The Creative Curriculum for Preschool empowers children to be confident, creative, and caring learners through play-based, hands-on investigations—a research-based approach that incorporates language, literacy, and mathematics throughout the day.



Second Step

Second Step social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum empower preschoolers to build skills for success. This research-based curriculum provides SEL throughout students' developmental stages, both in the classroom and in out-of-school time settings.



Pyramid Model

The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development.

The Pyramid Model works in conjunction with the Second Step SEL curriculum, but is not a curriculum itself.



GOLD Assessment

The GOLD assessment tool is an authentic part of instruction, not a disruption. Teachers embed assessment into everyday instruction and interactions with students using observation, work samples, photos, and videos. Using this type of assessment allows teachers to use data to drive their instruction in order to best support student growth and learning.



LETRS for Early Childhood

A professional development course where teachers gain new skills to help young learners build a strong literacy foundation.

Teachers gain a deeper understanding of the development of oral language, print knowledge, alphabet learning, and writing skills based on the science of reading.



Family Engagement

- Open House
- Welcome Week: 9/3/24 - 9/6/24
 - Families are invited into the classroom in small groups
 - All Early Learning classes start 9/9/24
- Fall & Spring Conferences
- 3 Family Night Events
- End of the Year Celebration
- Classroom Seesaw, Newsletters, email
- Monthly Family Newsletter

Our preschool is inclusive.
All students are welcome.



Registration Logistics

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18, 2024 @ 8am

Multiple Steps:

1. Families will complete a short registration form through [Eleyo](#) to indicate class choice
2. Families receive an email with next steps
 - a. Complete district online registration form
 - b. Upload required enrollment documents
 - i. Birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records
3. Class placement will be confirmed via email once all enrollment requirements are met
 - a. Transportation needs will be confirmed