



# Little Rangers Preschool

Forest Lake Area Schools  
Early Childhood Programs  
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WELCOME TO THE RANGER FAMILY!

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## Locations District Wide

The preschool staff is excited to meet you and answer questions you have about the program. Please call to schedule a tour at one of our seven preschool sites:

COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-8900
EDUCATION CENTER	(651) 982-8318
FOREST VIEW ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-8200
LINO LAKES ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-8850
LINWOOD ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-1907
SCANDIA ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-3300
WYOMING ELEMENTARY	(651) 982-8000



## Exceptional Education in a Loving, Nurturing Environment.

The Early Childhood Programs are an integral part of Forest Lake Area Schools (FLAS). We work together to assure that children transition smoothly into kindergarten. Our high-quality preschool classes focus on each child's social, physical and pre-academic development.



## Engagement in Early Childhood

The FLAS Early Childhood Programs implement the Classroom Engagement Model (CEM) in all classrooms. CEM is a set of research-based teaching practices that increase engagement and full participation of every child. Increased engagement leads to more learning, increased skill acquisition, and better outcomes for children.

### What is Engagement?

Engagement is the amount of time your child spends participating in an activity. We can help children be more engaged when they are doing activities like building blocks, swinging with a friend, cleaning up their toys or helping set the table.



### Why is Engagement important?

When children are engaged, they are ready for learning! Children have more opportunities to practice their goals. Engaging all children leads to meaningful participation and inclusion.

### What does CEM mean in our program?

Early Childhood staff are attending trainings and will be coached to use the strategies they learn. Children will practice learning goals in every routine. Everyone works together to support every child.



## Curriculum & Educators

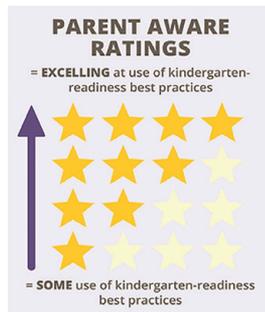
Little Rangers Preschool uses the Frog Street curriculum for both three year old and four year old preschool. This engaging, interactive curriculum celebrates the joys of learning as children travel down the road to success. Both sets of curriculum outcomes and objectives are aligned with the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress.

The Frog Street Pre-K curriculum is a comprehensive program designed to meet the needs of diverse learners while supporting developmental learning domains. The Frog Street Threes curriculum meets the unique needs of three-year-olds and provides intentional instruction in key areas of development.



### 4 Star Parent Aware Rated

Little Rangers Preschool has a 4 star rating from Parent Aware. This is the highest possible rating! Families utilize Parent Aware Star Ratings to identify early childhood programs employing research-based best practices for children's school and life readiness. Programs voluntarily engage in the rating process, undergoing additional training beyond basic licensing requirements to earn One-, Two-, Three-, or Four-Star Ratings. These ratings reflect demonstrated use of research-based practices, with each level building upon the previous one. This system enables families to easily discern the specific practices employed by a program.



# Helpful Information

FACTS TO GET YOU STARTED ON YOUR PRESCHOOL JOURNEY



## Registration

- Registration begins on January 15, 2024.
- All classes begin the week of September 9, 2024 and end the week of June 6, 2025.
- Orientation sessions will be held prior to the start of preschool.
- Children must be the appropriate age by September 1, 2024; no exceptions are made.
- Many classes are integrated with Early Childhood Special Education.
- Limited transportation options for four and five year olds are available within your elementary school boundaries.
- Required forms can be found online at [www.flaschools.org/ecforms](http://www.flaschools.org/ecforms).
- You may fax your child's forms directly to us at (651) 982-8375 or email them to [earlychildhood@flaschools.org](mailto:earlychildhood@flaschools.org).
- If you need required forms mailed to you, please call (651) 982-8349.

## Fees

- A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is due with registration.
- Invoices will be emailed at the beginning of the month and due by the 15th of the month to avoid a \$10 late fee.
- Preschool class fees are based on a daily rate per contract day. You will be invoiced the actual number of contracted days per month.
- Class fees and times listed on the following pages are subject to modification.
- All programs will be invoiced from September - May. Receive a 2% discount if the year is paid in full.
- No refunds will be given for an absence or school closing (inclement weather days).

**TO REGISTER: Visit [www.flaschools.org/preschool](http://www.flaschools.org/preschool) and click "Preschool Class Options" or call (651) 982-8349.**



## **Preschool Fee Assistance**

Forest Lake Early Childhood Programs have a variety of fee assistance options available based on the program your child is enrolled in and your family circumstances. All fee assistance is confidential. Find information on how to apply online at [www.flaschools.org/preschool](http://www.flaschools.org/preschool). For more information call (651) 982-8349.

### **Pathway I Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded directly to families through the county in which they reside and who meet eligibility requirements. Families must have a child between the ages of three and four as of September 1 of the current year. Pathway I scholarship funds are paid to the early childhood program that the family chooses.

### **Pathway II Scholarship**

FLAS Early Childhood Programs receive limited funding from the Minnesota Department of Education to help families cover the cost of preschool for students who are three or four years old.

### **School Readiness Scholarship**

Through a School Readiness Scholarship, we can offer a limited amount of financial assistance to families. There is an application process to complete; children must meet specific criteria based on the sliding fee adapted by the Early Childhood Programs to participate. We are not able to assist all families that apply. Aid will focus on the children attending Little Rangers Half Day Preschool enrolled the year before kindergarten entry, but limited scholarships are available in Full Day Preschool as well.

**For more information, please call (651) 982-8349.**



# Elements of a Preschool Day

## Meal Times

Students attending a morning class or full day class have access to a free, district provided balanced breakfast. Full day students also have access to a free, district provided balanced lunch. Families provide a snack each day.

## Practice Centers

Meaningful opportunities to integrate the week's learning goals through active exploration and play. Children are given the chance to explore their interests, learn cooperatively, make their own choices, and develop independence.

## Small Groups

Purposeful and relevant small group activities focused on literacy, math and STEAM skill development.

## Rest Time

During full day preschool classes, students are given 30 minutes to rest their bodies. They are not required to sleep but rather encouraged to relax and recharge their bodies to take on the rest of the afternoon.

## Circle Time

This is a time for students to develop relationships with each other, read stories and build on social emotional strategies.



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# Little Rangers Half Day Preschool

Half Day Preschool is offered at six locations throughout the district for three, four, and five year old children. Half Day Preschool is a School Readiness program that is funded by various sources; parent fees, state aid and levy funding. Students may register for more than one class.



### Financial Options for Preschool

- Pathway I Scholarship
- Pathway II Scholarship
- School Readiness Scholarship

## Half Day Classes 2024-2025

Location	Age	Days	Time	Daily Rate
Education Center	3	M/W	9:15-11:15am	\$22.50
Education Center	3	T/Th	9:15-11:15am	\$22.50
Columbus Elementary	3	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Linwood Elementary	3	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Lino Lakes Elementary	3	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Scandia Elementary	3	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Wyoming Elementary	3	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Education Center *FLP	3-5	T/Th	11:30am-3:30pm	Sliding Fee
Education Center	4-5	M/W/F	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Education Center	4-5	M/W/F	1:00-3:30pm	\$25
Education Center	4-5	T/Th	9:15-11:45am	\$25
Education Center	4-5	T/Th	1:00-3:30pm	\$25

\*FLP - Family Learning Program information is on page 11.

# Little Rangers Full Day Preschool

Full Day Preschool is offered at seven locations throughout the district for four and five year old children. Since the Full Day program does not receive any state funding, the program relies on parent fees to offer high-quality programming for our students. Students may register for more than one class.



## Financial Options for Preschool

- Pathway I Scholarship
- Pathway II Scholarship
- School Readiness Scholarship

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## Full Day Classes 2024-2025

Location	Age	Days	Time	Daily Rate
Columbus Elementary	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Columbus Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Education Center	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:30pm	\$40.50
Education Center	4-5	T/Th	9:15am-3:30pm	\$40.50
Forest View Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Lino Lakes Elementary	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Lino Lakes Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Linwood Elementary	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Linwood Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Scandia Elementary	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Scandia Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Wyoming Elementary	4-5	M/W/F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50
Wyoming Elementary	4-5	M-F	9:15am-3:40pm	\$40.50

## Transportation is Available for Preschool

A caregiver, 18 years or older, is expected to be at the bus stop for pick up and drop off to escort the child on and off the bus. Our hope is that by providing this service it will be easier for families to participate in a high quality early learning experience. Space is limited and dependent on availability on existing bus routes. This service is offered free of charge. Call (651) 982-8349 for more information.

- Four and five year old preschoolers (age as of September 1) can ride the bus.
- Children who enroll in Half Day Preschool can ride the bus to school in the morning or ride the bus home at the end of the day.
- Mid-day transportation is not available.
- Children who enroll in Full Day Preschool have the option of riding the bus to and from school.
- Transportation is available for students who attend preschool at the elementary school where their home address is assigned and at the Education Center for those in the Forest Lake Elementary and Forest View Elementary busing area.

## Childcare for Little Rangers Preschool Students

Providing childcare is essential to make preschool accessible for all. Children enrolled in Little Rangers Full Day Preschool have the opportunity to register for School Age Care (SAC); a before and after school childcare program available only on days your child is enrolled in Little Rangers Preschool at any location. Students attending Full Day Preschool at the Education Center can register for SAC at Forest View.



For more information or to register for School Age Care, call (651) 982-8365.

## Family Learning Program (FLP)

Designed for parents with children ages birth-5 years

The Family Learning Program (FLP) is ideal for parents with young children (birth-5 years old) and would like to register for Adult Basic Education (ABE). Families have the option to enjoy a meal together, participate in guided learning experiences and get ideas for home activities. Children who are 12 weeks-2 years old attend Sibling Care (childcare) and 3-5 year olds attend Preschool while parents participate in parent education classes and work on goals such as GED test preparation, improving their English or basic skills in our ABE program. Children ages birth to 11 weeks old stay with their parent during classes.



Monthly tuition for children is based on a sliding fee scale. All families are welcome. No child will be turned away because of the inability to pay. Please call (651) 982-8349 for more information. Transportation and interpreters are available upon request.

Tuesday & Thursday 11:30am-3:30pm Education Center (door 17)

Visit [www.flaschools.org/ce](http://www.flaschools.org/ce) for more information on ABE and GED programs.

## Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten. Screening offers a snapshot of each child's health and development and provides families with valuable information about their child. Screening children between ages three and four, allows time for intervention (if needed) before the start of Kindergarten. For this reason, we require Early Childhood screening within the first 90 days of the start of the preschool year. Forest Lake Area School District provides the screening at no charge to families. Screenings are held at the FLAS Education Center on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the school year.



Visit [www.flaschools.org/screening](http://www.flaschools.org/screening) for more information.



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# 7 District Locations!

REGISTRATION  
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JANUARY 15



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