



2024-25 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Centennial Preschool offers full- and part-day classes with tuition charged monthly. Limited financial assistance is available for those who qualify. This brochure provides information on the program, schedule options, tuition rates, and registration instructions. More information can be found at earlychildhood.isd12.org/programs/preschool

**Registration for the 2024-25 placement lottery begins March 1.
Space is limited.**



Centennial Preschool serves the communities of
Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington, Lino Lakes & beyond

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Welcome to Centennial Preschool!

The Centennial School District provides high-quality part-day and full-day preschool experiences. Classrooms are located at each of the elementary schools in the Centennial School District as well as the Early Childhood Center. Centennial Preschool prioritizes:

Preparing Learners for Classroom Success

The goal of Centennial Preschool is to help children enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful learners. This goal can be met in both part-day and full-day classes. Unlike day care, which focuses on meeting the need for care during the workday, Centennial Preschool focuses on exposure to and repetition of the skills and routines of school.

Parent Involvement

Throughout this brochure the term "parent" includes any adult caregiver for a student. Centennial Preschool welcomes parents, foster parents, grandparents, babysitters/nannies, and other caregivers. All part-day classes at the Early Childhood Center include a weekly parent attendance day, while full-day classes offer special opportunities for parent participation.

Experienced, Caring Staff

Centennial Preschool is held in classrooms with a 1 to 10 staff-to-student ratio. Both teachers and classroom support staff receive ongoing staff development. Our preschool program has earned a 4-Star Parent Aware rating, which means our program meets high quality indicators in training, curriculum, and assessment.



Growing and Learning Through Play

Centennial Preschool Daily Learning Opportunities

Centennial Preschool weaves a “learning through play” philosophy into each class. Learning happens when children are given space, materials, and time to play. Daily experiences include:

- Independence skills
- Large and small group instruction
- Language, literacy, and letter recognition
- Learning centers (science, math, sensory, literacy, art, dramatic play)
- Large muscle skills (playground)
- Listening skills
- Music and movement
- Personal and social-emotional development
- Problem solving and self-regulation skills
- Writing skills

Families Say

“Maria has been outstanding in communication, making us feel like our daughter is her #1 priority (even though she probably makes all of her families feel that way) and manages her disability with such thoughtfulness and curiosity.”

“Sam is so caring, it was a big transition for our son and she has been amazing!”

“Molly is so lovely and quick to respond to messages. She is very easy to communicate with.”

“Ann is going above and beyond to challenge our preschooler’s learning and we can’t thank her enough for preparing him for Kindergarten!”

“Angela has always been a great parent educator! I love her flexibility and the different topics she brings in!”

When surveyed, 97% of preschool families felt that preschool is helping their child be fully prepared for kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful.

Preschool Tuition

There is a tuition cost for all Centennial Preschool classes. Limited financial aid in the form of discounts and scholarships is available for those who qualify. The cost for the year is divided into nine monthly payments and **invoiced one month in advance**, August through April. Tuition rates are as follows:

Class	Per Month
Full-Day Monday through Friday	\$846
Full-Day Monday/Wednesday/Friday	\$495
Full-Day Tuesday/Thursday	\$352
Part-Day Monday-Thursday	\$267
Part-Day Monday/Wednesday/Friday	\$153
Part-Day Tuesday/Thursday	\$109

A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 is charged at the time of contract approval.

Applying for Financial Aid

Important: If a student is age-eligible for kindergarten (born before 9/1/2019), we are unable to provide any financial aid.

Centennial Preschool has limited funds available to reduce the cost of tuition for qualifying families. There is a section in the registration process to indicate your level of need. Supporting documents are required to be sent separately and must be received before your registration will be considered for placement.

There are two types of financial aid offered by Centennial Preschool:

- School Readiness Preschool tuition discounts of 25%, 50% or 75% are available for all schedules. The amount of the discount is determined by household size and income.
- Pathway II scholarships may be able to lower your cost to \$0 for a full-day Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. Applicants who qualify for the highest level of support will be contacted to submit an application for this scholarship.

Looking for Free Preschool?

The only way to attend Centennial Preschool for free is through an Early Learning scholarship. Only a small number of scholarships are available within Centennial Preschool, however. If you want your child to attend preschool and cannot afford to pay anything, please consider the following options:

Pathway I Scholarships

Unlike Pathway II, Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to the family, who can use the scholarship at any child care or preschool facility that is Parent Aware rated. (Centennial Preschool has received the highest Parent Aware rating.) Applications must be submitted to your county of residence, and there is usually a waiting list, so apply early.

Head Start

Head Start is a federally-funded, free program offering preschool for children age 3-5 from families that participate in certain public assistance programs, are a foster family, are experiencing homelessness, or are living at or below the federal poverty level. There is an extensive application process, but children may start class at any time during the year once they are approved.

County Child Care Assistance

Your county offers funding to help pay for the cost of full-time day care. **Centennial Preschool tuition does not qualify for this assistance**, though it can be used for Pre-K Kids Club before and/or after school care. A co-pay may be required depending on your level of need. You can apply for child care assistance along with other assistance programs.

To Apply

All three of these options must be applied for via your county of residence. Links to the appropriate program information can be found in the Paying for Preschool section of our website at earlychildhood.isd12.org/programs/preschool/paying-for-preschool.

Full-Day Classes

For students born on or before 8/31/2020 (4- and 5-year-olds)

In addition to the academic and social learning as described on pages 2 & 3, our full-day classes focus on building skills needed for a successful transition to kindergarten the following year.

Schedule Options

Monday through Friday
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Tuesday/Thursday

Standard instruction hours are 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, but drop-off and pick-up times vary based on location

Location Options

Blue Heron Elementary
Centennial Elementary
Centerville Elementary
Golden Lake Elementary
Rice Lake Elementary



Pre-K Kids Club

Before & After School Care

Full-day class families may choose to add childcare by utilizing before and/or after school care through Pre-K Kids Club. Attendees can be dropped-off/picked-up anytime during the care window, but the daily rate is the same regardless of the length of care. Families must choose to register for at least two days/week for morning and/or afternoon care. Space is limited. For more information, visit communityed.isd12.org/kids-club/pre-k-kids-club

Schedule Options and Rates

AM Care (6:30-9:30am)	\$15.50/day
PM Care (4:00-6:00pm)	\$11.50/day
AM & PM 5 days/week	\$22.50/day

Note that these charges are in addition to preschool tuition and there is an additional registration fee of \$25. Pre-K Kids Club accepts county child care assistance.

Non-School Day Care

Pre-K Kids Club also offers childcare on select days when school is not in session. Students must have a Pre-K Kids Club contract to sign up for this care.

Non-School Day	\$45.50
Non-School Day (drop in after registration deadline)	\$65



Part-Day Mornings and Afternoons with Parent Participation

For students born on or before 8/31/2021 (3- and 4-year-olds)

2-Hour Classes

These classes are intended to be a student's first preschool experience. Play is the main focus, providing the structure through which students grow more familiar with the classroom, their peers, and spending class time away from their parent. A parent is required to attend with the child one day each week, spending half the time in the classroom and the other half in a parent education discussion.

Location

Early Childhood Center (at Rice Lake Elementary)

Schedule Options

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:30-11:30 am
Parents attend Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-11:30 am
Parents attend Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

2½-Hour Classes

These classes focus on developing the skills necessary to succeed in full-day preschool or kindergarten, but in a part-day setting. A parent is required to attend one hour each week, alternating between a parent-child class period or a parent education discussion.

Location

Early Childhood Center (at Rice Lake Elementary)

Schedule Options

Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 am
Parents attend Mondays, 9:00-10:00 am

Monday-Thursday 12:30-3:00 pm
Parents attend Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm

Parent Participation

You are an important part of your child's education!

Centennial Preschool places an emphasis on parental involvement because research has shown that early childhood programs that involve parents and children learning together are more effective than programs that focus only on the child. If a parent is unavailable, any adult in a child's life is welcome to participate: babysitters, grandparents, family friends.

Full-Day Classes

Full-day classes offer regular opportunities for parent engagement such as parent education discussions, guest speakers, field trips, and in-classroom activities.

Part-Day Classes

2-hour classes include a weekly parent attendance day in which parents spend half of the time in the classroom with their student and half in a separate parenting discussion. For 2½-hour classes, parents attend for one hour at the beginning of class, alternating weekly between time in the classroom and parenting discussion. Parenting discussions help parents learn to be active participants and supporters of their child's education. Discussion is led by a licensed parent educator and focuses on age-specific topics as well as parent concerns.

Sibling Care

Sibling care is available during the required parent attendance period for all part-day classes. Sibling care is for children ages 3 months to 6 years, and space is limited. (Infants may be kept in class until 3 months old.)

Fees for sibling care are \$15 per month for the 2-hour classes (two hours of care) and \$7.50 per month for the 2½-hour classes (one hour of care). For more information on sibling care practices and expectations, see our family handbook at earlychildhood.isd12.org.

Additional Information

Program Requirements

Centennial Preschool students must be the required age for a class.

All students must be able to use the bathroom independently, including pulling pants up/down and wiping.

Early Childhood Screening is required to attend Centennial Preschool. See page 13 for more information.

Program Dates and Procedures

Centennial Preschool follows the district student calendar. (See isd12.org/discover/calendars.) More details on our program procedures can be found in our family handbook at earlychildhood.isd.org.

Transportation

Transportation is NOT provided by Centennial Preschool. Preschoolers are not allowed to ride elementary school buses.

Priority Factors

The state of Minnesota requires that preschool programs receiving state funding must give placement priority to any student who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch
- is an English language learner
- is homeless
- has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or standardized written plan*
- is identified through Early Childhood Screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- is defined as at risk by the school district

Priority factors only apply to the registration lottery. Registrations received after 11:59pm on March 22 are reviewed in the order received.

* Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) will be placed in classes based on the service minutes listed in their IEP. Parents will be contacted by the Early Childhood Special Education team to schedule an IEP meeting to determine placement before starting.

Registration

Registration is online at isd12.ce.eleyo.com. You will need to have a pre-existing account or create a new account through Eleyo in order to register. If you do not have online access you may register by phone. Call 763-792-6120 for more information.

March 1	Registration opens
March 22 at 11:59pm	Deadline for lottery registrations
March 28 at 11:59pm	Financial assistance documents due for lottery
no later than April 8	Lottery results emailed

Registration Lottery

Placement for the 2024-25 school year is by lottery. Registration opens March 1, and registrations submitted by 11:59pm on March 22 will be included in the lottery. Completing a registration does not guarantee placement in a class, and registering earlier in March does not increase your chance of receiving a placement. **If applying for financial assistance, any supporting documents must be received by 11:59pm on March 28 or the registration will not be included in the lottery.**

Registrations received after 11:59pm on March 22 will be reviewed on the first of the month following submission in the order received.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is charged if/when your child's contract is approved.

If you are registering more than one child you must register each child separately, even if you are registering them for the same class.

Sibling care (part-day classes only) or Pre-K Kids Club (full-day classes only) requires a separate registration. More information will be provided as part of the online registration process.

If you do not receive a confirmation email after registering, your contract request was not successful. Please log in again and review your registration to make sure you have provided all required information.

Checklist to Attend Centennial Preschool

Bolded items are required for all students. A more detailed checklist is on our website at earlychildhood.isd12.org/programs/preschool

- Submit a registration in the Eleyo system: isd12.ce.eleyo.com**
- Send tax forms to apply for financial aid, if needed
- Make an appointment for Early Childhood Screening if your child is not already screened (see next page)**
- If your child has an IEP from another school district, contact the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program at 763-792-6140.

If your contract is approved

- Complete an online district enrollment via Infinite Campus**
- Establish sibling care or before/after school care, if needed
- Make your first month's tuition payment on or before the due date**

Your child will not be able to attend class until all applicable items on the checklist have been completed, regardless of your contract start date.

Program Contacts (all numbers are 763-792-xxxx)

Deb Klausung, Early Childhood Admin Asst (general questions), x6120, earlychildhood@isd12.org

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Bri Literski, Early Childhood Specialist (screening/classroom support), x6111, bliterski@isd12.org

Sara Ison, Preschool Coordinator, x6122, ison@isd12.org

Dawn Turnblad, Pre-K Kids Club Admin Asst (registration/billing) x6193, kidsclub@isd12.org

Student and Family Advocates are available to assist families with interpretation. See languages and phone numbers on cover.

Early Childhood Screening

All prospective Centennial Preschool students who are 3 or older at the time of registration must have Early Childhood Screening completed before the start of school. Students who turn 3 over the summer should make an appointment for August.

Centennial School District offers screenings regularly, October through May. Online registration and more information at earlychildhood.isd12.org/programs/early-childhood-screening, by email at ECScreening@isd12.org, or by phone at 763-792-6120.

Early Childhood Screening is a free check of a child's growth and development. Screening is not a readiness test for kindergarten, and the results will not affect your child's ability to enroll in preschool or kindergarten. Screening can detect possible learning or health concerns so that a child can get help, if necessary, before starting school.

If our screening schedule does not work for you, Early Childhood Screening can be completed by another Minnesota school district, the Head Start program, or the Department of Public Health. If your child is screened elsewhere, please be sure to forward a copy of the screening results to Centennial Early Childhood.

If you have concerns about your child's development and don't want to wait for a screening appointment, we encourage you to visit HelpMeGrowMN.org to make a referral for your child.



Other Options for Preschool-Age Children

Not sure if your child is ready for an independent preschool experience? Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) has options for you.

2-1/2 to 4 Years

Intended for children born on or before 2/28/2022, this once-a-week class provides some of the structures and content of the preschool curriculum but a parent or caregiver attends class each week with the child.

Step Up to Preschool

Students born on or before 11/30/2021 may join this class to begin working on their independence. We start the year as a once-a-week parent-child class, then add a second day of class that the students attend on their own. This class is a great option for students who haven't quite mastered toilet training, who do not meet the age requirement for part-day preschool but are ready to give up afternoon naps, or who have limited experience being away from their parent/caregiver.

Registration for these classes takes place in May 2024. See [earlychildhood.isd12.org/programs/ecfe](https://www.isd12.org/programs/ecfe) or call 763-792-6120 for more information.



Community Education Youth Classes



Centennial Community Education offers a variety of classes for young children. Below are a few examples. Check out the Youth Activities page for the latest classes and schedules at isd12.ce.eleyo.com.

DASH and Skyhawks sport classes

Ages 2-6, depending on class
 These two programs provide players with introduction to various sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer, and more!

Gymnastics: Little Tumblers

Ages 3-4
 Developing gymnasts will learn basic and fundamental gymnastics skills in a safe, fun, age-appropriate, structured environment.

Mini Kickers Soccer

Ages 3-5
 Centennial High School Boys Soccer players and coaches provide a fun introduction to the game of soccer.

Music Together

Ages 0-6 with caregiver
 Sing, laugh, move, and learn along with your child for 45 minutes of fun each week in these award-winning classes.

RevSports Ninja Warrior

Ages 2-3 or 3-5
 Learn and practice the fundamentals of speed, agility, balance and coordination through ground-based obstacle training.

Wolf Howl Bonfire

all ages
 April 26, 5:30-8 pm
 Meet and learn about some of Minnesota's most fascinating wildlife during a bonfire program at the area's premiere wildlife facility, the Wildlife Science Center. Sit fireside and toast marshmallows while the wolves fill the darkness around you with their incredible wild song.



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