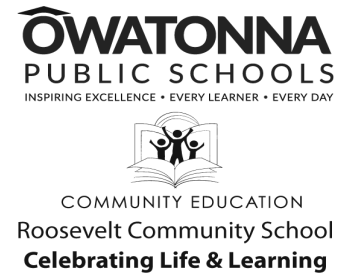


FAQ

PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Programming 2024-2025 Program Start-Up



1. What is the PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program?

Community Education is opening a child care program available to families enrolled in Owatonna Public Schools Bright Beginnings Preschool program. Only four-year-old children enrolled in the Bright Beginnings Preschool are eligible to enroll. The program is designed to provide care for the part of the day that is not spent in the Bright Beginnings Preschool classroom.

2. Where will child care be offered?

Care will be provided at Roosevelt Community School in Room 122. The PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program will be served in the same classroom with ECFE Sibling Care, and Adult Education Child Care.

3. What is the class size?

Total class size for the joint early childcare program is targeted to serve 20 children. Care is designed for a large-group setting. Children who are able to manage themselves in a group setting, with guided choices will be successful in the program. Available care slots will be assigned to each of the partner programs participating in this early childcare program.

4. How is the program being staffed?

Educational Assistants from the ECFE and SAC program will provide supervision and a high-quality learning environment for children. Staff have both in-home early learning experience, as well as large-group care in private centers and school district-based programs. Paraprofessionals or one-on-one support is currently not available to the program participants. The current Youth Program Coordinator position is vacant. The PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program will be supervised by the Director of Community Education until a new program coordinator is secured.

5. My child is enrolled in a preschool classroom housed at the Owatonna Education Center (OEC). Is my child still eligible to attend the wrap around care program?

Yes. Children enrolled in a Bright Beginnings preschool class will be transported to the OEC Building by Owatonna Bus Company.

6. What calendar will the PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program follow?

The wrap around care program will be open everyday that the Bright Beginnings Preschool is open for student attendance. This means that there will be no care for

non-school days created by teacher workdays, professional development days or school conferences.

7. Is there a cost?

Yes. PreK Child Care Wrap-Around families can choose from four care options designed to meet the care needs of children outside of their assigned preschool class time. The levels of service and associated pay rates are as follows:

Care Options and Rate Schedule:

7:00 am to 8:15 am	Early Morning Care	\$ 20.00 per week (\$4.00 per day)
7:00 am to 12:15 pm	Morning Care	\$ 130.00 per week
10:45 am to 5:00 pm	Afternoon Care	\$ 130.00 per week
2:45 pm to 5:00 pm	Late Afternoon Care	\$ 40.00 per week (\$8.00 per day)

All care slots are considered “full-time”, meaning families pay for care all days the program is running, regardless if the child attends or not. For this first year of operation, no varied scheduled contracts will be available.

If your family income falls at or below the income guidelines in the following table, you may qualify for a scholarship to cover childcare costs. Please see the [Pathway II Scholarship application linked here](#) for detailed information on eligibility. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please print and complete the application, and return to Roosevelt School or Owatonna Education Center, Attn: Maggie Goldade. A hard copy can be printed for you at either school site. Questions regarding scholarships can be directed to Maggie at 507-444-8041 or mgoldade@isd761.org

Family Size	Annual Income before Taxes	Family Size	Annual Income before Taxes
2	\$40,156	6	\$77,950
3	\$49,605	7	\$79,722
4	\$59,053	8	\$81,493
5	\$68,502	9	\$83,265

8. How does our family register for wrap-around care?

All registration is online. A \$35 non-refundable registration fee will be collected at the time the care contract is accepted. [Registration opens online on August 15th at 6:00 am at this link.](#) After a family submits a contract for approval, they will receive a confirmation email indicating a space has been reserved for them. Families have 24-hour access to the software to monitor the status of their registration.

9. How does my family pay for this service?

Families will be asked to maintain an active credit/debit card on file. “Auto debit” will occur on a published payment schedule. Accounts that fall more than 2-weeks behind in

payment, will be deactivated and children will not be expected on the care site until all outstanding fees are paid. The payment schedule will be bi-weekly, with families only responsible for paying the actual days the program operations in each billing cycle.

10. Where can I get more information about the program?

A fact sheet with details about care is available at Owatonna Public Schools/Community Education/School Age Care webpage. The FAQ will be updated as families have new questions. A handbook will also be prepared and posted to the School Age Care page of the Community Education website.

For immediate questions, please call Owatonna Community Education at 507-444-7900 for additional information, questions and registration support.

11. Will children receive lunch?

There are no kitchen/food preparation facilities at Roosevelt Community School. While we hope to provide noon meals in the future, for our first year of operation, families will need to send cold lunch for their child. Staff will assist children access their lunch and enjoy it in the company of their peers and staff.

Children will receive a mid-morning and a mid-afternoon snack from the program.

12. What type of communication will I receive about my child's participation in the PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program?

Families will receive email, texts and monthly newsletters to keep them informed about activities and experiences in the PreK Child Care Wrap-Around Program. Newsletters will be posted online for access and sharing among family members and other caregivers. In addition to families declaring authorized persons to drop off and pick up their child from the program, they may also designate additional individuals to receive emergency communication from the program.