

Welcome to

2025
2026

KINDERGARTEN



EASTERN
CARVER
COUNTY
SCHOOLS

IMPORTANT DATES

November 1, 2024 | Registration Opens

Registration opens for the 2025-2026 school year, online at eccs.mn/enroll or in person at the Welcome Center.

November 7, 2024 | La Academia Preview

Learn more about La Academia Spanish Immersion and visit with the school principal, more information at eccs.mn/kindergarten.
Event begins at 8:00 a.m.

November 7, 2024 | Kinder Academy Preview

Learn more about the Kinder Academy program and visit with the school principal, more information at eccs.mn/kindergarten.
Event begins at 8:45 a.m.

November 12, 2024 | Neighborhood Schools Preview

Learn more about the kindergarten experience, school choices, and visit with the neighborhood elementary school principals, more information at eccs.mn/kindergarten.
Event begins at 6:00 p.m.

November 19, 2024 | La Academia Preview

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Events begin at 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

November 19, 2024 | Kinder Academy Preview

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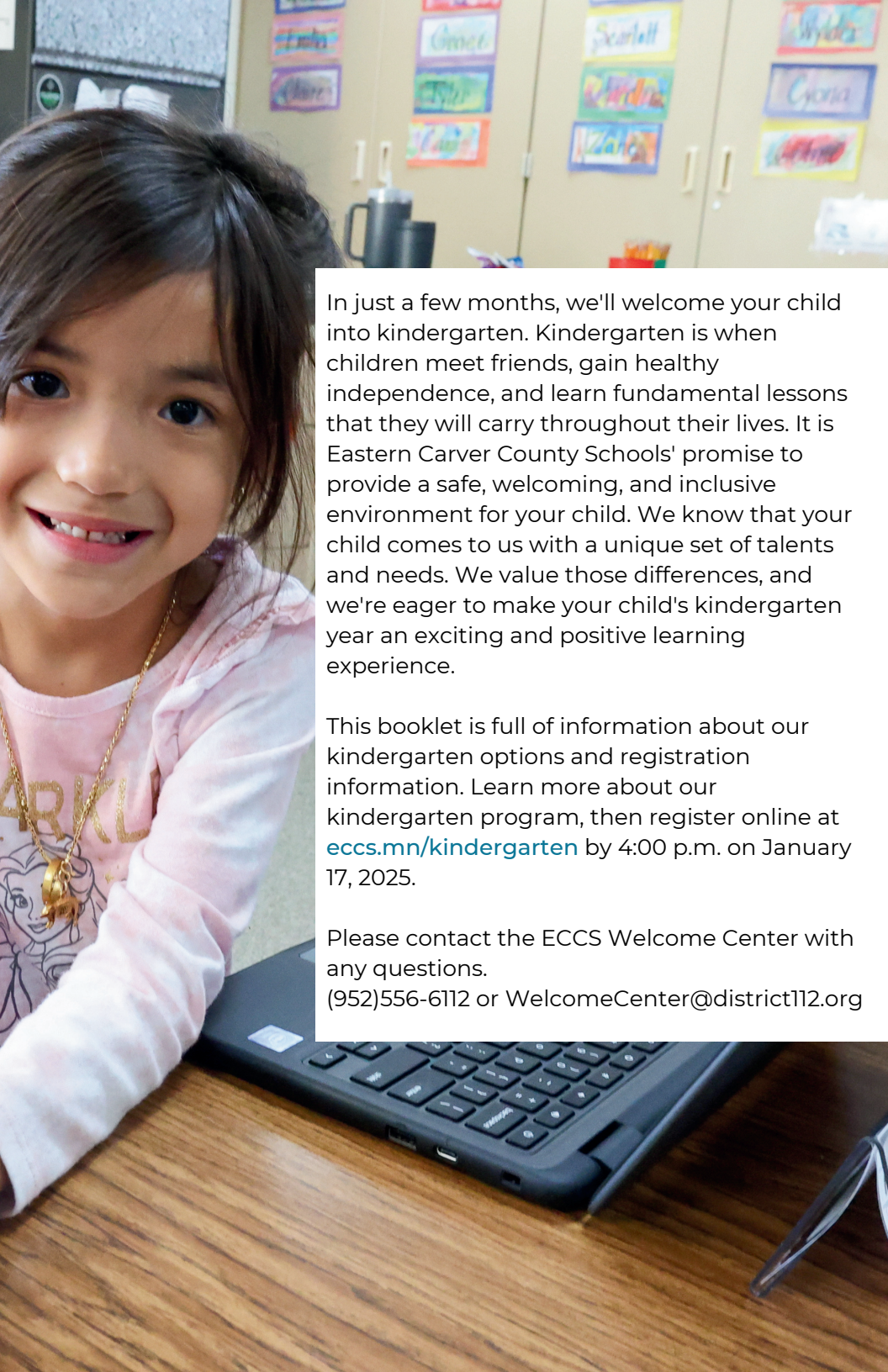
January 17, 2025 | Registration Deadline

Registration due by 4:00 p.m., enroll online at eccs.mn/enroll or in person at the Welcome Center

May 2025 | Kindergarten Kickoff Events

Kindergarten Kickoff events for you and your child to visit the school; invites will be sent to enrolled families in the spring

September 2, 2025 | First Day of School



In just a few months, we'll welcome your child into kindergarten. Kindergarten is when children meet friends, gain healthy independence, and learn fundamental lessons that they will carry throughout their lives. It is Eastern Carver County Schools' promise to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for your child. We know that your child comes to us with a unique set of talents and needs. We value those differences, and we're eager to make your child's kindergarten year an exciting and positive learning experience.

This booklet is full of information about our kindergarten options and registration information. Learn more about our kindergarten program, then register online at eccs.mn/kindergarten by 4:00 p.m. on January 17, 2025.

Please contact the ECCS Welcome Center with any questions.
(952)556-6112 or WelcomeCenter@district112.org

KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

Neighborhood Schools: Bluff Creek, Carver, Chanhassen, Clover Ridge, Jonathan, and Victoria Elementary Schools
Each neighborhood boundary school offers an outstanding kindergarten program carefully designed for young learners.

La Academia Spanish Immersion School

La Academia is a two-way, dual language Spanish Immersion school; this immersion model sets us apart from other school districts. A typical day looks very similar to other kindergarten classes, but the curriculum is taught in Spanish.

Kinder Academy Program for Young Learners

Parents and guardians frequently ask, "Is my child ready for kindergarten?" If your child meets the state age requirement - five years old on or before September 1 - the answer is "yes." Kinder Academy is designed for young five-year-olds, such as those with summer birthdays.



Watch our short videos about the ECCS kindergarten program options using the QR code or at eccs.mn/kindergarten.



NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Our kindergarten program develops children academically, socially, and emotionally. Students are introduced to reading skills, writing, problem-solving, and are provided personalized instruction and support as they progress. We have integrated S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts into our rich curriculum, and technology is used in the classroom to enhance learning experiences for students. Students also attend specialist classes such as Physical Education, Music, Media, and Art.

To determine your child's neighborhood school, visit the school finder at eccs.mn/attendance.

Bluff Creek Elementary
2300 Coulter Boulevard
Chanhassen

Carver Elementary
1717 Ironwood Drive
Carver

Chanhassen Elementary
7600 Laredo Drive
Chanhassen

Clover Ridge Elementary
114000 Hundertmark Road
Chaska

Jonathan Elementary
110300 Pioneer Trail West
Chaska

Victoria Elementary
9300 Red Fox Drive
Victoria



LA ACADEMIA SPANISH IMMERSION

In this two-way immersion program, students have the opportunity to be both first-language models and second-language learners with native English and Spanish speakers beginning in kindergarten.

A typical day in La Academia looks very similar to a traditional classroom. Students work toward the same academic standards, attend specialist classes, and go to lunch and recess. Teachers in dual language immersion may be especially animated as they use unique methods and strategies to help students learn a new language; this includes many gestures, pantomimes, songs, props, and other instructional tools. Transportation is provided to La Academia students that live within our district.

The immersion program pathway continues for grades 6-12 at Chaska Middle School West and Chanhassen High School.

Registration must be completed by January 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to be included in the placement lottery. Registrations received after January 17 will be placed on a waitlist.

La Academia
1800 North Chestnut Street
Chaska



Watch our short video about the ECCS immersion program using the QR code or at eccs.mn/immersion.





KINDER ACADEMY

Kinder Academy is a kindergarten option for young five-year-olds, such as those with summer birthdays. The program follows ECCS kindergarten curriculum. Students ready to move on to first grade after one year will do so. Students who would benefit from an additional year of kindergarten will stay in the program. The teacher will modify the curriculum for the older children's developmental level. This program is housed at La Academia and is not an early entrance option. Transportation is provided to Kinder Academy students who live in the ECCS district.

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1800 North Chestnut Street
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NEED TO KNOW

Required Early Childhood Screening

The State of Minnesota requires that students entering kindergarten complete an Early Childhood Screening prior to the start of school. The screening is free to Eastern Carver County Schools residents.

If your child has not yet been screened, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible online at eccs.mn/screening or call (952)556-6402.

Before & After School Child Care

Club Care is an optional, fee-based, before- and after-school child care program in each elementary school. The program is in high demand due to its excellent quality, convenience, and competitive fees. Enrollment in Club Care is not guaranteed, and each school has a limited enrollment capacity. Students must be registered in kindergarten prior to registering for Club Care. Registration for Club Care is scheduled to open in early April. Learn more at eccs.mn/clubcare.

Bus Transportation

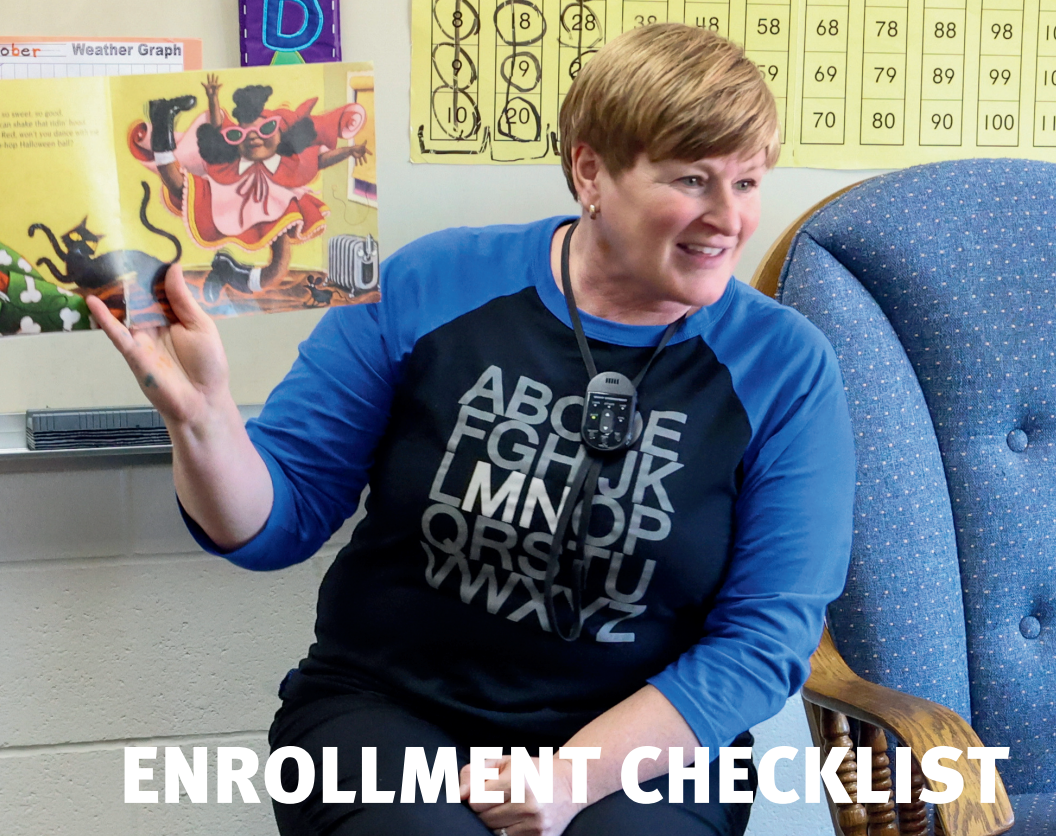
Transportation is provided to our schools free of charge to those who live in the district boundaries unless you live close enough to your school to be in the no-bussing zone. Kindergarteners are assigned to neighborhood bus stops with student safety as a priority. We greet them as they get off the bus at school, and at the end of the day, we escort them back to the bus.

Required Immunizations

Your kindergartener must be up-to-date on all immunizations before starting school. Kindergarten boosters are required after the age of 4. The immunization record, even if partially complete, should be submitted with your registration. Law allows for the exemption of these vaccines for medical or conscientious beliefs with notarization.

Health Services

All schools are staffed with a registered nurse all day. Our health services staff will work with you to accommodate your child's health needs. Please complete and return the health form (eccs.mn/healthform) with the registration forms. This information helps us to prepare for all health needs.



ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Student Enrollment Due January 17**
Enroll at eccc.mn/enroll or visit the Welcome Center (11 Peavey Road, Chaska) to complete the registration forms.
 - ☐ Birth Certificate: A copy of your child's birth certificate
 - ☐ Immunization Record: Complete the online form or provide a copy of your child's immunization record
 - ☐ Proof of Residency: A current utility bill, signed rental agreement, or signed purchase agreement
- ☐ **Early Childhood Screening**
If your child has not been screened, schedule an appointment as soon as possible online at eccc.mn/screening or call (952)556-6407.
- ☐ **Student Health Form**
Complete the health form (eccc.mn/healthform) with your registration, this information is shared with school nurses to help us to prepare for and accommodate any health needs.

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It's time to enroll in kindergarten!

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eccs.mn/kindergarten



Welcome Center
11 Peavey Road
Chaska, MN 55318

Online Enrollment
eccs.mn/enroll

