



# OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS INFORMATION GUIDE

**Find your path in Osseo Area Schools**

- Magnet and online school options
- Special education services
- College readiness programs
- Career and technical education pathways
- Student leadership development
- Variety of extracurricular activities
- Supportive community



# Find your path in Osseo Area Schools

**Dream. Explore. Discover.**

Osseo Area Schools delivers an exceptional educational experience to approximately 21,000 students, from early childhood through adulthood. Students thrive through outstanding opportunities, robust support and strong community partnerships that encourage lifelong learning.

## Table of contents

**Pg. 3** School bus transportation

**Pg. 4** Early childhood programs

**Pg. 5** Elementary schools

**Pg. 6** Middle schools

**Pg. 7** High schools

**Pg. 8** Magnet schools and pathways

**Pg. 9** Beyond the classroom and support services

**Pg. 10** Community Education

**Pg. 11** *Building a Better Future*

**Pg. 12** Ready to enroll



## Explore your school options

### 1 Consider your needs

Check if schools offer the services you need and if bus transportation is available. Explore how schools and magnet programs transition from elementary to high school. Keep in mind, some schools are closed to open enrollment and in-district transfers.

### 2 Review your options

Visit [district279.org/find-my-school](https://district279.org/find-my-school) and enter your home address in the search bar to confirm your school zone and review your school options.

### 3 Visit your school choices

Learn more about the schools that interest you by setting up a school tour or visiting an open house. Visit your choice school's website or contact the school directly to schedule a school tour.

### 4 Start the enrollment process

Turn to page 12 for important application information and details on how to enroll.

## Who should apply?

### An application is required if:

- Your child is currently enrolled in Osseo Area Schools and requests a different school
- Your child is new to Osseo Area Schools
- You want to enroll your child into a magnet school/program

### Applications are typically not required for students who are:

- Continuing at their current school or magnet program to next grade level
- Currently enrolled residents in the Osseo Area Schools district boundaries who are entering sixth grade or ninth grade and are following their school's enrollment pathway

For more information visit [district279.org/enroll](https://district279.org/enroll).





# School bus transportation

**Providing safe and reliable transportation so students arrive to school ready to learn and achieve their dreams.**

Osseo Area Schools is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation for eligible students. The district offers reliable bus services for those who meet the distance requirements, ensuring students can easily travel to and from school.

Families can access important tools like bus stop locators and real-time tracking apps to stay informed about their child's transportation. Below are key points about the transportation services available for Osseo Area Schools students.

- **Eligibility:** Students are eligible for bus transportation if they live 0.8 mile or more from school (elementary) or live one mile or more from school (middle and high school) from their attendance area. Families can use the “Find My School” tool to determine school assignment and transportation options.
- **Bus stops:** Specific pickup and drop-off times can be found using tools provided by the district, such as ParentVUE and the FirstView bus tracking app.
- **Bus tracking:** The FirstView app helps families monitor bus locations in real-time, which can ease concerns about bus schedules and ensure better communication during delays.

With clear eligibility guidelines and easy-to-use tools for tracking bus routes, families can navigate transportation smoothly. Whether determining eligibility or monitoring your child's bus, Osseo Area Schools ensures a simple and efficient process for all.

## Transportation Office

763-391-7244

[BusQuestions@district279.org](mailto:BusQuestions@district279.org)

## Office Hours

School in session: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Non-student days: 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Learn more



[district279.org/transportation](https://district279.org/transportation)



# Early Childhood programs

## Building a foundation for lifelong learning

The Early Childhood program in Osseo Area Schools provides high quality, developmentally appropriate classes and opportunities for all young children and their families. Early Childhood staff are committed to providing safe and nurturing environments that promote the physical, social, emotional, aesthetic, intellectual and language development of each child—while being sensitive to the unique needs and preferences of families.

Learn more at [district279.org/early-childhood](https://district279.org/early-childhood).



### Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) helps set the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Most classes include time for children and families to grow and learn together, as well as time for children to engage in independent learning while parents/caregivers explore insights and resources from licensed educators.

### Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) provides opportunities for growth and support of children and their families. Children from birth to age five who meet eligibility criteria can receive special education services.

### Preschool, PreK, Half-Day, Every Day Prekindergarten and Four Star Express

Osseo Area Schools offers fee-based preschool and both tuition-free and fee-based prekindergarten programs for children ages three to five. These early learning opportunities help students build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

### Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free service for children ages three to five. It assesses development in areas like vision, hearing, communication, motor skills and social-emotional growth, helping to identify any needs early in their educational journey. This important step prepares children for a successful start in kindergarten.



Schedule a screening appointment online at [osseo.ce.eleyo.com](https://osseo.ce.eleyo.com)



# Elementary

## Caring support to help your child thrive academically and socially

Osseo Area Schools' elementary programs provide a strong educational foundation through personalized learning and academic excellence. Schools offer services like special education and gifted programs, along with diverse extracurricular activities in sports, arts and clubs. A welcoming community values diversity and family involvement, fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all. For more information visit [district279.org/elementary](https://district279.org/elementary).

## Attendance area schools



### Basswood Elementary School

15425 Bass Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55311  
763-494-3858 | [bw.district279.org](https://bw.district279.org)



### Cedar Island Elementary School

6777 Hemlock Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-425-5855 | [ci.district279.org](https://ci.district279.org)



### Edinbrook Elementary School

8925 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-493-4737 | [eb.district279.org](https://eb.district279.org)



### Elm Creek Elementary School

9830 Revere Ln. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-425-0577 | [ec.district279.org](https://ec.district279.org)



### Fair Oaks Elementary School

5600 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429  
763-533-2246 | [fo.district279.org](https://fo.district279.org)



### Fernbrook Elementary School

9661 Fernbrook Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-420-8888 | [fb.district279.org](https://fb.district279.org)



### Garden City Elementary School

3501 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429  
763-561-9768 | [gc.district279.org](https://gc.district279.org)



### Oak View Elementary School

6710 E. Fish Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-425-1881 | [oak.district279.org](https://oak.district279.org)



### Palmer Lake Elementary School

7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park, MN 55429  
763-561-1930 | [pl.district279.org](https://pl.district279.org)



### Park Brook Elementary School

7400 Hampshire Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
763-561-6870 | [pb.district279.org](https://pb.district279.org)



### Rice Lake Elementary School

13755 89th Ave. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-420-4220 | [rl.district279.org](https://rl.district279.org)



### Rush Creek Elementary School

18801 County Rd. 101, Maple Grove, MN 55311  
763-494-4549 | [rc.district279.org](https://rc.district279.org)



### Woodland Elementary School

4501 Oak Grove Pkwy., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-315-6400 | [wd.district279.org](https://wd.district279.org)

*\*Visit your choice school's website to schedule a tour.*

## Before and after school care

## Magnet schools



### Birch Grove School for the Arts

4690 Brookdale Dr., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-561-1374 | [bg.district279.org](https://bg.district279.org)



### Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School

15900 Weaver Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55311  
763-420-3337 | [wvr.district279.org](https://wvr.district279.org)



### Zanewood Community: A STEAM School

7000 Zane Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429  
763-561-9077 | [zw.district279.org](https://zw.district279.org)

## Online school



### 279Online

763-315-6400 | [279online.com](https://279online.com)



### Kidstop school age care (Kindergarten to fifth grade)



Kidstop School Age Care, offered by Osseo Area Schools' Community Education, provides a fun and supportive environment for kindergarten through fifth grade students before or after school and non-school day. The program features choice-based activities, allowing children to engage in a variety of educational and enriching options that match their interests.

Learn more at [kidstop279.org](https://kidstop279.org).



# Middle School

## Personal and academic growth through active learning

Osseo Area Schools' middle schools offer a supportive environment focused on academic achievement and personal growth. Students are challenged through core subjects, honors courses and specialized services while exploring extracurriculars like music, arts and clubs. This helps them develop independence and leadership skills, preparing them for high school and beyond.

Learn more about middle school at [district279.org/middle-school](https://district279.org/middle-school).

## Exploratory opportunities



Osseo Area Schools offers various exploratory opportunities for middle school students to discover their interests, talents and empower students to take ownership of their education and prepare them for future academic opportunities.

- **Elective courses:** Students can select electives in world languages, visual arts, music and technology, encouraging creativity and personal expression.
- **STEM explorations:** Courses in robotics, coding and engineering engage students in hands-on STEM activities that develop problem-solving skills.
- **Career exploration:** Programs introduce students to various professions, helping them understand potential career paths and necessary skills.
- **Creative arts:** Opportunities in theater, music and visual arts allow students to showcase their talents and build confidence.
- **Hands-on learning:** Experiential learning through projects and collaborative activities deepens understanding and fosters a love of learning.

Discover more at [district279.org/middle-school](https://district279.org/middle-school).

## Attendance area schools



### Maple Grove Middle School

17000 Hemlock Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-315-7600 | [mgms.district279.org](https://mgms.district279.org)



### North View Middle School

5869 69th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429  
763-585-7200 | [nvms.district279.org](https://nvms.district279.org)



### Osseo Middle School

10223 93rd Ave. N, Osseo, MN 55369  
763-391-8800 | [oms.district279.org](https://oms.district279.org)

## Magnet school



### Brooklyn Middle STEAM School

7377 Noble Ave. N, Brooklyn Park MN, 55443  
763-569-7700 | [bms.district279.org](https://bms.district279.org)

## Online school



### 279Online

763-315-6400 | [279online.com](https://279online.com)

*\*Visit your choice school's website to schedule a school tour.*



# High School

Explore, grow and prepare for life after high school

Osseo Area Schools' high schools provide a balanced education focused on academics and personal growth. Students can take Advanced Placement (AP) and college preparatory courses and join extracurricular activities like sports, music, arts and clubs to develop teamwork and leadership skills. With access to advanced technology and resources, they are prepared for future educational and career success.

Discover all high school options at [district279.org/senior-high](https://district279.org/senior-high).



## Attendance area schools



**Maple Grove Senior High School**  
9800 Fernbrook Ln. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369  
763-391-8700 | [mgsh.district279.org](https://mgsh.district279.org)

## Magnet schools/programs



**Park Center Senior High School:  
An IB World School**  
7300 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
763-569-7600 | [pcsh.district279.org](https://pcsh.district279.org)



**Osseo Senior High School**  
317 5th St. NW, Osseo, MN 55369  
763-391-8500 | [osh.district279.org](https://osh.district279.org)

## Alternative learning school



**Osseo Area Learning Center**  
7300 Boone Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428  
763-391-8890 | [oalc.district279.org](https://oalc.district279.org)

## Online school



**279Online**  
763-315-6400 | [279online.com](https://279online.com)

*\*Visit your choice school's website to schedule a school tour.*

## College and career readiness programs

Osseo Area Schools offers a variety of college and career readiness programs to prepare students with skills and experiences for future success.

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** College-level courses with potential to earn college credit.
- **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO):** Eligible students can take college courses for both high school and college credit.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE):** Hands-on courses in high-demand fields like healthcare, IT and trades.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** A rigorous academic program recognized by universities worldwide.
- **Career pathways and work-based learning:** Opportunities for internships, certifications and job experiences.
- **College and career counseling:** Personalized support for college applications, scholarships and career planning.

Learn more by visiting [district279.org/senior-high](https://district279.org/senior-high).

# Magnet schools and pathways

Osseo Area Schools offers specialized magnet programs, designed to ignite curiosity and cultivate talents from elementary through high school. Each magnet school provides a unique educational journey tailored to individual interests, ensuring students thrive as they explore their passions.

## Elementary schools: Building a strong foundation

- **Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School**
  - Dive into the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) with hands-on experiences that spark inquiry and enhance problem-solving skills.
- **Birch Grove School for the Arts**
  - Unleash your creativity in an environment where artistic expression flourishes. Students enhance their academic skills while exploring the arts, making learning vibrant and engaging.
- **Zanewood Community: A STEAM School**
  - Embrace an integrated approach that combines science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Collaborative project-based learning equips students with essential twenty-first-century skills, preparing them for future success.

## Middle school: Expanding horizons

- **Brooklyn Middle STEAM School**
  - Transition seamlessly into middle school, where the arts and STEM unite! Engage in innovative, collaborative projects that challenge students to solve real-world problems creatively.

## High school: Preparing for the future

- **Osseo Senior High School: Health Science Magnet Program**
  - Explore healthcare careers with hands-on experiences that build foundational skills in health science, preparing students for future studies in the medical field.
- **Park Center Senior High School: An IB World School**
  - As students enter high school, they can join the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This rigorous academic coursework develops critical thinking and global awareness, equipping students for success in higher education and beyond.

Learn more at [district279.org/magnet-schools](https://district279.org/magnet-schools).

# Career & Technical Education

Osseo Area Schools offers a strong Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that helps students gain important skills for various careers. With a focus on hands-on learning, students explore fields in business, health sciences, information technology and skilled trades. They participate in engaging classes, collaborate with local businesses and complete internships, earning college credits and certifications along the way. This program prepares students for jobs and builds skills for their future.

Discover more, visit [district279.org/career-technical-education](https://district279.org/career-technical-education).







# Beyond the classroom

Osseo Area Schools is dedicated to giving every student a chance to succeed. With strong academics, engaging extracurricular activities and a welcoming community, the district's goal is to support all students and families as they learn and grow.

## Academic excellence and support services

Strong academics and a variety of support services are available for every student, including counseling, special education and programs for gifted students. With high graduation rates, Osseo Area Schools is committed to preparing students for college and careers. Students also have access to extracurricular activities that foster skills beyond the classroom.

## Extracurricular opportunities

A wide range of activities allows students to get involved outside of class, including sports, arts programs and clubs at every grade level. These activities encourage leadership, teamwork and personal growth, helping students explore their interests.

## Diversity and community

Osseo Area Schools takes pride in its diverse and inclusive environment. Representing many cultures, each school ensures that every student feels welcome. Families and the community are encouraged to participate through cultural events and volunteer opportunities, building strong connections between home and school.

Osseo Area Schools is committed to helping students thrive both academically and personally. Families are invited to learn more about the programs available and discover how the district supports each child's education and future.



## Student support services

Osseo Area Schools prioritizes the well-being and success of students. The dedicated team collaborates to ensure that all students have access to the resources and support they need to achieve their academic and personal goals.

- **Counseling services:** School counselors provide academic, social and emotional support, guiding students through challenges and offering college and career advice.
- **Special education:** Our dedicated team tailors programs and resources to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities in an inclusive environment.
- **Mental health resources:** Access to mental health professionals is available to help students manage stress and emotional challenges.
- **Tutoring and academic support:** Students can benefit from tutoring, after-school programs and homework assistance to boost confidence and learning.
- **Family engagement:** Workshops and resources to help parents actively participate in their child's education.





# Community Education



Osseo Area Schools Community Education programs create opportunities that positively impact the entire community through innovative and responsive programs and services. [Learn more at ce.district279.org](https://ce.district279.org)

## Early Childhood and Family Education (EC&FE)

The EC&FE program offers EC&FE classes, EC&FE Visits, Preschool and PreK classes, Early Childhood Screening and community resources to help parents and children (birth to five) build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.



## Four Star Express

Four Star Express is a prekindergarten plus care program for children four or five-years-old on or before Sept. 1. The program is offered during the school year and on most non-school days.

## Kidstop

Kidstop is choice-based school-age care program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is offered before school, after school and most non-school days.



## Youth Enrichment

Youth Enrichment classes engage students after school, in the evenings, weekends and summertime. Classes for elementary and middle school students may include art, chess, STEM, languages, music lessons, robotics, sports, theater and more.

## Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment provides a variety of unique classes for adults with an accessible way to get inspired, try new things and engage with others in the community.

## Adult Basic Education (ABE)

ABE offers free classes for adults to learn English, improve reading, writing, or math skills, prepare for the GED exam or earn an adult diploma. With flexible learning options, students can choose to attend classes in person or online.



## District 279 Foundation

For over 30 years, the District 279 Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization has been dedicated to supporting students in Osseo Area Schools. [Learn more at district279foundation.org](https://district279foundation.org).

## Facilities Rentals

The Facilities Scheduling team coordinates the use of district facilities by any individual, group or business.



# Building a Better Future

## Investing in modern spaces for student success

Osseo Area Schools is committed to creating modern, safe and engaging spaces for students to thrive. Through the *Building a Better Future* initiative, the district is enhancing school facilities, updating technology and strengthening safety measures—all with the goal of supporting long-term student success.

### Schools across the district will undergo exciting improvements, including:

- New and updated learning spaces like redesigned library media centers, outdoor classrooms and flexible learning areas that cater to collaborative, student-centered learning. These environments are designed to inspire creativity, critical thinking and engagement across all grade levels.
- Flexible classrooms that will provide adaptable layouts and modern furnishings, allowing teachers to customize their spaces to meet the diverse needs of students. These rooms are designed to support different learning styles, group work and project-based learning, creating a dynamic and interactive educational experience.
- Enhanced security features aimed at protecting students and staff.
- Career and technical education (CTE) upgrades providing students with access to state-of-the-art facilities and tools that align with industry standards. These upgrades will support a range of programs from engineering and robotics to health sciences and digital media, ensuring students graduate with practical skills for both college and career readiness.

All schools in the district will receive improvements. These construction projects will be completed in phases, with many exciting updates planned. Learn more at [district279.org/betterfuture](https://district279.org/betterfuture).



## Careers at Osseo Area Schools

### Join the Osseo Area Schools team

Looking for a rewarding career where you can make a real impact? Osseo Area Schools offers a dynamic and inclusive workplace where educators and staff are empowered to inspire students, collaborate with dedicated professionals and grow personally and professionally. Learn more about available positions and how you can make an impact at [district279.org/careers](https://district279.org/careers).



## Stay connected to Osseo Area Schools





### Newsletter

279Connect is a weekly newsletter that keeps parents, caregivers and community members informed with important updates, key dates and school news. Learn more at [district279.org/279-connect](https://district279.org/279-connect).

### Social Media

 @OsseoSchools  
 @OsseoSchools  
 @ISD279

 @ISD279  
 Osseo Area Schools



# Ready to enroll?

Important information for enrolling in Osseo Area Schools

## 1 Determine eligibility

First, ensure your child meets the age requirements. Children entering kindergarten must be at least five years old by Sept. 1 of the enrollment year.

## 2 Find your school

Use the district's school finder tool, [district279.org/find-my-school](https://district279.org/find-my-school) to determine which school serves your home address or choose one of the district's magnet schools or online school, 279Online.

## 3 Submit an enrollment form

Complete the enrollment packet available at [district279.org/enroll](https://district279.org/enroll). You can also fill out a paper form and submit it to the Enrollment Center, if preferred.

## 4 Provide required documents

Submit proof of your child's age (birth certificate or passport), immunization records, and proof of residency (such as a utility bill or lease agreement).

## 5 Magnet schools

If you're interested in enrolling your child in a magnet school or program, please apply first through the Northwest Suburban Integration School District at [nws.k12.mn.us](https://nws.k12.mn.us). Upon approval, you'll receive instructions on completing the enrollment process.

## 6 Visit the Enrollment Center

If you have questions or need assistance, the district's Enrollment Center is available to help. They can guide you through the process or answer any questions or concerns.

## 7 School assignment

Once your child's application and documents are processed, the district will confirm your child's assigned school. If you've applied for a magnet program, you'll receive additional notification regarding acceptance.

### Six different ways to submit enrollment materials:

1. **Online:** [district279.org/enroll](https://district279.org/enroll)
2. **Email:** [enrollmentcenter@district279.org](mailto:enrollmentcenter@district279.org)
3. **Fax:** 763-585-7368
4. **Mail:** Enrollment Center:  
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard,  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
5. **In-person:** 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
6. **Dropbox** in lobby during non-business hours

### Important information for Magnet schools

- **Online application:** Complete and submit an online application through Northwest Suburban Integration School District's website, [nws.k12.mn.us](https://nws.k12.mn.us). The application portal opens in mid-October.
- **Priority application period:** The priority application period extends from mid-Oct. through Dec. 31.
- **Lottery process:** For more information about the lottery process, visit [nws.k12.mn.us](https://nws.k12.mn.us).
- **Second chance:** The application portal re-opens in Jan., with a second lottery held in March.
- **Sibling priority:** If your child has a sibling attending the magnet school of your choice during the same school year, an application must be submitted by the priority deadline to increase their chances of securing a seat.
- **Transportation:** Free transportation is available to and from all magnet schools if you live within the school districts of Anoka-Hennepin, Brooklyn Center, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, ISD728 (Elk River-Otsego-Rogers-Zimmerman), Fridley, Osseo or Rockford.

### For more information and enrollment assistance, contact the Enrollment Center.

**Email:** [EnrollmentCenter@district279.org](mailto:EnrollmentCenter@district279.org)

**Phone:** 763-585-7350

**Website:** [district279.org/enroll](https://district279.org/enroll)

