

**THOSE WHO NEED TO APPLY**

Families who live in District 279 that would like their student to attend their attendance area elementary school for tuition-free pre-kindergarten. Space is limited.

**Send this application to:**

Enrollment Center  
ISD 279 - Osseo Area Schools  
7051 Brooklyn Boulevard  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Fax: (763) 585-7368

Email: enrollmentcenter@district279.org

**APPLICATION WINDOW  
DEADLINES**

**JANUARY 15, 2025**

Applications received after January 15, 2025 will be processed as received.



If you need help with this application, please call (763) 585-7350.

**ABOUT ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOLS**

Every residence in Osseo Area Schools is assigned an elementary, middle, and senior high school. An attendance area is a geographic area surrounding a school. Attendance areas optimize enrollment for each school in our district. Note: Birch Grove Elementary, does not have an attendance area.

This packet is for families who want their pre-kindergarten student to attend their attendance area elementary school for tuition-free pre-kindergarten classes. An application is required for each student because space is limited and demand is higher than the number of spaces available.

Note: Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2025, and not be eligible for Kindergarten. (students have one year of eligibility per state statute)

**TRANSPORTATION for Tuition-Free Pre-K**

Only students who live inside a school's attendance area are eligible for transportation. Pre-kindergarten follows the same policy and procedure as kindergarten. Students who live further than .8 of a mile are transportation eligible.

**\*IMPORTANT\***

When completing your 2025-2026 Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten Attendance Area School Application, you must list your attendance area school in **Section 3**. If you want a different Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten school, you will need to complete a Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten Open Enrollment School Choice Application.

# TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- 1 Determine your Attendance Area School by using the **DISTRICT MAP** at [www.district279.org](http://www.district279.org), or by contacting the Enrollment Center at (763) 585-7350 or [enrollmentcenter@district279.org](mailto:enrollmentcenter@district279.org).
- 2 Complete the application attached to this packet. An application must be completed for each student who wishes to attend their attendance area elementary school for tuition-free pre-kindergarten. **To have the best chance of acceptance, please submit your application to the Enrollment Center by JANUARY 15, 2025.**

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DATE NOTIFICATION WILL BE MAILED	ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
APPLICATION WINDOW #1	January 15, 2025	January 24, 2025	February 14, 2025

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## Required Early Childhood Screening

Your child is required to be screened to participate in the Free Pre-Kindergarten program. Students can be screened starting at the age of 3 to help prepare them for success on their educational journey. Appointments take approximately one hour. Screening includes:

- A check of vision, hearing, height, weight and developmental progress.
- A review of immunization records and family information.
- An individual review with parents/guardians of their child's progress and needs. Early Childhood Screening identifies needs that may require special attention before a child enters school.



## How do I schedule a screening appointment?

- Schedule an in-person screening appointment online at [osseo.ce.eleyo.com](http://osseo.ce.eleyo.com) or by calling 763-391-8777. You can pick between different locations within the district to be screened.
- En Espanol, Lus Hmoob, Bang Tieng Viet: 855-938-0586
- Email [ecfe@district279.org](mailto:ecfe@district279.org) with any questions.
- Interpreters are available upon request. Your child may also be screened by your doctor's office and you can find a form online.



# Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten Attendance Area School Application

## Elementary Schools

SCHOOLS	START/END TIME
<b>Edinbrook Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 8925 Zane Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55443	Morning ► 8:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Afternoon ► 12:50 p.m - 3:20 p.m.
<b>Elm Creek Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 9830 Revere Lane N Maple Grove, MN 55369	Morning ► 8:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Afternoon ► 12:50 p.m - 3:20 p.m.
<b>Fair Oaks Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 5600 65th Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55429	Morning ► 9:30 a.m. - noon Afternoon ► 1:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Garden City Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 3501 65th Avenue North Brooklyn Center, MN 55429	Morning ► 9:30 a.m. - noon Afternoon ► 1:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Oak View Elementary*</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 6710 E Fish Lake Road Maple Grove, MN 55369	Morning ► 9:30 a.m. - noon Afternoon ► 1:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
*This program will have the option to sign up for additional care at a cost considered wrap around; once enrolled more information will be sent to families.	
<b>Palmer Lake Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 7300 West Palmer Lake Dr. Brooklyn Park, MN 55429	Morning ► 8:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Afternoon ► 12:50 p.m - 3:20 p.m.
<b>Park Brook Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 7400 Hampshire Avenue N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55428	Morning ► 8:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Afternoon ► 12:50 p.m - 3:20 p.m.
<b>Zanewood Elementary</b> Tuition-Free Pre-K 7000 Zane Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55429	Morning ► 9:30 a.m. - noon Afternoon ► 1:30 p.m - 4:00 p.m.
<b>Note:</b> If you are interested in attending <b>Birch Grove School for the Arts</b> , please apply through <b>MAGNET SCHOOL CHOICE</b> .	North West Suburban Integration School District's website is: <a href="http://NWS.K12.MN.US">NWS.K12.MN.US</a>

## Eligibility Requirements:

During the 2024 legislative session, changes were made to Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten (Minn.Stat.124D.151) that go into effect for the 2025-2026 school year.

One of these changes, is that new eligibility requirements for children and families were added. A Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten student must meet one of the following requirements below to qualify to attend this program for free. You must be able to check at least one of these.

- Yes  No Qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals/ educational benefits
- Yes  No Qualifies for state general financial eligibility requirements listed in Minn. Stat. 119B.09, Sub 1, paragraph (a), clause 2
- Yes  No Is an English Language Learner
- Yes  No Is an American Indian
- Yes  No Has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months
- Yes  No Is identified through health and development screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- Yes  No Is in foster care, kinship care, or is in need of child protection services
- Yes  No Has a parent who is a migrant or seasonal agriculture laborer
- Yes  No Has a parent who is incarcerated
- Yes  No Is defined as eligible by the school district. Osseo Area Schools defines this as students who live in the attendance areas zoned for our current Tuition Free-Pre-Kindergarten schools listed to the left. First priority is given to students whose home school resides within each of those buildings.

# 2025-2026 Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten Attendance Area School Application

## 1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Legal Name: [ ]  
EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR OTHER LEGAL DOCUMENT

Last (family) First Middle

Gender:  Male  Female      Birth Date: [ ][ ] / [ ][ ] / [ ][ ]  
STUDENT MUST BE AGE 4 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st      Month Day Year      Applying For Grade: [ ]

Parent's email address: [ ]

### APPLICATION WINDOW DEADLINES

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## 2. APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR TWINS

The following twin or triplet set of this student is applying to the same school. Please process their applications as a family. **NOTE: An application is needed for both twins or all sets of triplets.**

Siblings applying to the same school :

Sibling Name			Birth Date		
Last (family)	First	Middle Initial	Month	Day	Year
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	/	/	[ ]
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	/	/	[ ]

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By signing, I understand my student is required to be screened to be enrolled in Tuition Free Pre-Kindergarten, and I am aware of the details listed on page 2 that I need to complete.

I also understand the eligibility for Tuition Free Pre-Kindergarten listed on page 3. My student meets at least one of these criteria.

## 3. ATTENDANCE AREA SCHOOL

[ ]

- Morning session  
 Afternoon session  
 Either session is acceptable

This student has a sibling that will be attending the school listed above in 2025-2026:

Sibling Name			Birth Date		
Last (family)	First	Middle Initial	Month	Day	Year
[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	/	/	[ ]

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This student has a childcare provider in the attendance area of the school:

Childcare Provider Name: [ ] Telephone: ( ) -  
Area Code

Address: [ ]  
Number and Street Apt. [ ]

[ ]  
City State Zip Code

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED

STUDENT ID#

ASSIGNED SCHOOL (C/A AND A/A)

## 4. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

parent/guardian Name: [ ] [ ] M.I. [ ]  
Last (family) First

Address: [ ]  
Number and Street Apt. [ ]

[ ]  
City State Zip Code

Telephone: ( ) - ( ) -  
Area Code Area Code

Signature: [ ] Date: [ ][ ] / [ ][ ] / [ ][ ]  
Month Day Year

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

