


**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

All students applying for open enrollment will be entered on the waitlist. If space becomes available, you will be contacted by August 15, 2025 or later by phone.

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

**THIS PACKET IS FOR:**

This packet is for families who want their pre-kindergarten student to attend one of our tuition-free pre-kindergarten schools that is **not** their attendance area school. 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)

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.

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

When students are approved to attend a school outside of their assigned attendance area school, transportation is the responsibility of the biological parent/legal guardian. However, transportation may be provided from an existing bus stop that serves the approved school under the following conditions:

1. The student registers for bus service each school year and is approved to use an existing bus stop.
2. Space is available on existing bus routes.
3. Biological parents/legal guardians accept ultimate responsibility for ensuring that their student can get safely to and from the assigned bus stop.

Note: Existing bus stops are located within each school's attendance area and are not guaranteed to be in a convenient location for your student. From time to time, enrollments change, bus routes change, and available seats on bus routes change.

**Consider your options carefully if your student is dependent upon District transportation to attend school.**

# 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

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

## 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 choose 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</b> for the Arts, 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.

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| 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   |

# 2025-2026 Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten Open Enrollment School Choice Application

## 1. STUDENT INFORMATION

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

Last (family)	First	Middle
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**Gender:**  Male  Female

**Birth Date:** STUDENT MUST BE AGE 4 ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st

Month	Day	Year
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**Applying For Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's email address:**

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All students applying for open enrollment will be entered on the waitlist. **If space becomes available, you will be contacted on September 10, 2025 or later by phone.**

## 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.**

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

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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. SCHOOL CHOICE - List school choices in order of prefer-

1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Morning session  
 Afternoon session  
 Either session is acceptable

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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
	/      /

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID# \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNED SCHOOL (C/A AND A/A) \_\_\_\_\_

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS



## 4. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

**parent/guardian Name:**

Last (family)	First	M.I.
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**Address:**

Number and Street	Apt.
City	State      Zip Code

**Telephone:**

Primary (      ) -      Area Code	Alternate (      ) -      Area Code
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Month      Day      Year