



Edina Early Learning Center

School Year 2025-26



Edina Public Schools

DEFINING EXCELLENCE

Registration opens
January 21

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Welcome to the Early Learning Center

**An excellent education with Edina Public Schools begins with our littlest Hornets!
Our vision is for Each and Every Student to Discover their Possibilities and Thrive.**

The Early Learning Center at Edina Public Schools offers dynamic programs aimed at creating partnerships with families to achieve our mission of fostering early learners' development. Our services cater to students across age ranges, each program tailored to distinct developmental stages. We provide varied early social and academic learning opportunities. The Early Learning Center takes particular pride in the breadth and depth of its collaboration with parents and guardians. Our goal is help each child reach their full potential.

Options for your family begin at your child's birth. Our popular Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes are taught by parent educators who are experts in the field of child development. Learn from them and other parents who are in the same phase of their parenting journey. Our preschool prepares your child for kindergarten at our nationally recognized elementary schools. These and other programs have been designed with you and your child's growth and learning in mind.

Building strong partnerships between home and school is an Edina Public Schools core value and key to our success in fostering lifelong learning and educational excellence. Family engagement helps build strong home-to-school connections and will have a positive impact on your child's learning for years to come. We are delighted that you are considering the opportunities we have to offer.

We wish you and your family a wonderful experience at the Edina Early Learning Center and look forward to a long relationship with you as your child progresses through Edina Public Schools. **Discover Your Possibilities. Thrive.**

Dr. Stacie Stanley
Superintendent
Edina Public Schools



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2025/26
ELC School Year:
August 27-May 28

No School Days:
Sept 1, 22
Oct 16, 17
Nov 4, 26-28
Dec 22-31
Jan 1-2, 16, 19
Feb 16-17
March 3, 16-20
April 10
May 25

Early Learning Center Open House
Saturday, April 12th | 9:00-11:00 am

Can’t make the open house? Schedule a tour!
Take a personalized tour to learn about our school.
Tours are usually available before 9:00am and after 3:00pm Monday through Friday.

To Schedule:
Email early.learning@edinaschools.org.

In the subject line write “ELC Tour Request” and in the body of the email include at least three preferred dates for your tour.

ELC School Year 2025-2026 Overview

The Edina Early Learning Center offers dynamic programming to meet the needs for you and your children ages birth through five. Our programs are organized into three categories, described below.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Unique to Minnesota, ECFE classes provide opportunities for children and parents to learn and grow together.
- Parent education is provided either separate from children or together, depending on age and family choice.
- ECFE classes are offered from birth to 5 years, with many options to fit your schedule.
- Examples of Parent Education classes for parents and children together are Busy Babies, Taste of Preschool, and more.
- Parent-only classes help you navigate the ups and downs of the parenting journey, while sharing experiences with other caregivers.



Preschool Classes

- These classes nurture and expand your child's next step in their educational development.
- There are a variety of schedules to fit families' needs.
- As an extension to preschool, childcare is offered.



Additional Student Support Services

- Early Childhood Screening
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Financial Assistance

The Edina Early Learning Center Offers:

- Support for you and your child from day one, with classes for newborns through preschool
- A family education program with tools and resources so you can parent with confidence
- A developmentally appropriate, play-based learning approach
- An opportunity to connect with other families and opportunities in our community
- A place to belong and connect with other young families and discover ways to share your talents



The Edina Early Learning Center fosters an inclusive and welcoming environment where every child and caregiver feels valued and supported. We prioritize high-quality, play-based instruction that focuses on exploration, creativity, and growth, ensuring children learn in ways that are engaging and developmentally appropriate. Our inclusive practices celebrate diversity and promote equity, recognizing and respecting each child's unique background and learning style. By partnering closely with caregivers, we aim to create a strong, collaborative community where families feel heard and empowered, and children are equipped with the skills and confidence they need to thrive both inside and outside the classroom."



Kim Isley | Assistant Director, Early Learning



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information, visit
**earlylearning.
edinaschools.org**
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Get to Know the ELC Teachers



Brenda Libert

**Years teaching in ECFE/
ELC/Edina: 25**

**What classes do you
teach here?** Baby & Me,
Busy Babies, Toddlin
Tykes, Tender Tots, Baby

& Toddler Playtime

What is your favorite part about teaching here?

Establishing supportive, encouraging and trusting relationships with all the parents, caregivers, and children. Providing a loving, positive and educational experience every single day for everyone who enters my classroom.

How would you describe the experience at the ELC?

It is the highest quality environment for caregivers to begin their parenting journey.

Advice for parents thinking about ECFE?

Please join us asap! You will never regret, and you will always cherish your time spent at the ELC with your little one!!

What are your favorite hobbies outside of teaching?

I love to garden, shop and go for walks by any large body of water!

Anything else you want families to know about you?

Being a part of this amazing ECFE program for 25 years has been an incredible blessing and I am grateful for every day spent at the ELC.



Heather Whitesell

**Years teaching in ECFE/
ELC/Edina: 32**

**What classes do you
teach here?:** ECFE Taste
of Preschool 2's

What is your favorite

part about teaching here? Engaging with the families and being a part of their first school experience.

How would you describe the experience at the ELC?

The ELC is a wonderful learning space with a natural progression as the child moves from one stage of development to the next.

Advice for parents thinking about ECFE?

ECFE is a great space to come and meet other families with children of similar age and discuss relevant parenting topics with a licensed educator.

What are your favorite hobbies outside of teaching?

I love running and reading and spending time with my family.





Linda Stotts

Years teaching in ECFE/ELC/Edina: 18

What classes do you teach here? Toddlin' Tykes, Tender Tots, 2 year olds, Parenting Middle

School Students, Parenting High School Students, Parenting Boys, Popular Topics in Parenting, Book Studies, and Individual Parent Education

What is your favorite part about teaching here? The incredible ECFE teaching team and the families we support.

How would you describe the experience at the ELC? I feel the experience we provide families in our classes is based on the development of their child as well as supporting the entire family structure. We have moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, older siblings, participating in our classes. They are here for the child and to better themselves as a parent/caregiver.

Advice for parents thinking about ECFE?

It is amazing! You will be connected with other families and feel supported as you celebrate your child's growth.

What are your favorite hobbies outside of teaching? Spending time with my family, trips to our cabin, and walks around local lakes and parks.



Dawna St Martin

Years teaching in ECFE/ELC/Edina: 16

What classes do you teach here? 3 year old ECFE and Family Literacy

What is your favorite part about teaching here? Meeting new families, watching them form a community and observing student growth.

How would you describe the experience at the ELC? Over the years, the best experience is working with so many talented staff and meeting wonderful students and families.

Advice for parents thinking about ECFE? ECFE brings parents a sense of community, a knowledge of parenting topics and experiences and joys of watching their child thrive in a school setting.

What are your favorite hobbies outside of teaching? My family and I enjoy camping, hiking, biking and spending time with family and friends.



Libby Plowman

Years teaching in ECFE/ELC/Edina: 4 years

What classes do you teach here? Family Literacy, Taste of

Preschool, Toddlin' Tykes, Songs & Stories, Parenting Elementary Schoolers, ECFE 3's Preschool

What is your favorite part about teaching here? Getting to know families and their incredible kids. It's impossible not to smile when you see a caregiver and their child having fun discovering and playing together, but as a parent educator, it's also rewarding to have rich conversations about the "tough stuff" that can come along with being a parent.

How would you describe the experience at the ELC? Welcoming! There are so few judgment-free zones for parents in our society, but the ELC is warm, welcoming, and supportive. Parent education and ECFE are less about learning "how to parent" and more about discovering that as parents, we already have everything inside us that we need to be the caregivers our children need. Being reflective and practicing awareness with other parents helps us feel more empowered in our own families - and when we feel like we know what we're doing, we have a lot more fun doing it.

Advice for parents thinking about ECFE? Come join us! ECFE can be the "village" so many parents of young children are searching for—a place where children can learn and have fun, parents can be supported, and families can connect with new friends.

What are your favorite hobbies outside of teaching? Yoga, baking with my daughter, walking the lakes, and collecting children's books.



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)



Our ECFE program is the perfect starting point for your family's adventure with Edina Public Schools. Our Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program is dedicated to supporting all families, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can learn, connect, and grow together. Our passionate, licensed Parent Educators and early childhood teachers are here to provide resources, support, and community for parents and caregivers, so that every family feels empowered on their child's educational journey.

In ECFE classes, you'll gain perspective on the world through your child's eyes, find a supportive network of parents sharing similar experiences, and discover a sense of purpose as you connect with others committed to building community.

At ECFE, we recognize you as your child's primary and most influential teacher. Our goal is to help you savor these precious moments together while equipping you with the tools to parent confidently.

Join us in giving your child the best possible start in life!

What Our ECFE Program Offers:

Classes for All Ages: Engaging parent-child classes designed for families with children from birth to age 5, helping each child build skills in a fun, nurturing setting.

Parent Education: Expert-led sessions covering topics like child development, behavior guidance, and parenting strategies to support your family at every stage.

Here's a preview of what you and your child will experience in ECFE:

Parent-Child Activity Time

Designed to strengthen the bond between you and your child while exploring learning through play. These interactive sessions create a wonderful opportunity for parents to engage with their children and other caregivers in a fun, supportive environment, guided by our experienced educators.

Parent Discussion

Offers a welcoming space where parents can connect, share experiences, and support one another. Led by experienced licensed Parent Educators, these groups provide valuable insights on child development, behavior, and parenting strategies, all while fostering a sense of community among families.

Children's Learning Time

In classes where children and parents separate for the parent discussion, children will stay with licensed early childhood teachers. During this time, children will develop social-emotional skills while playing and learning with other children.

We're here to help you get your child off to a great start! You are your child's first and most important teacher. We help you enjoy this time together, and give you the tools you need to parent with confidence.

Sibling Care

Sibling care is available while you are attending Parent Education. Children ages 6 weeks through 5 years spend time in age-appropriate exploration, play and activities under the supervision of our highly-trained, dedicated staff. Sibling care is available for all Parent Education classes offered between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday. Sibling care is not available for evening or weekend classes. Register when you register for your parent education class.

Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in the catalog is the most a family will pay.

Annual Income	Participant Pays
\$0 - \$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000 - \$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000 - \$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price





All Caregivers Welcome

While we use the word “parent,” we recognize that not all family structures look the same. Any and all adults parenting and/or caregiving are welcome in our classes.

Age Specifications

Class registration is based on your child’s age as of 9/1/2025. If you have questions please contact the Early Learning Center we will help you find the correct class for you and your family.

Additional Offerings Coming

Be on the lookout for more ECFE classes coming your way! Edina’s ECFE team is excited to offer new opportunities that will continue to support your family’s learning journey and strengthen connections. Stay tuned for updates.



Classes for Babies (0 to 12 months)

ECFE classes for the very youngest children have the parent education component within the classroom. Babies and caregivers learn, discover, and play together in a supportive environment.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Baby & Me	Birth to 6 mo	Mon	9-10 am	9/8/2025	5/18/2026	\$92/mo	0006-1
	Birth to 6 mo	Fri	11 am-12 pm	8/29/2025	5/22/2026	\$92/mo	0006-2
Baby & Me Sampler	Birth to 9 mo	Second Monday each month	11:45 am-12:45 pm	9/8/2025	5/11/2026	Free	
Busy Babies	7-11 mo	Mon	10:30-11:30 am	9/8/2025	5/18/2026	\$92/mo	0711-1
	7-11 mo	Thurs	11 am-12 pm	8/28/2025	5/28/2026	\$92/mo	0711-2

Classes for One-Year Olds (12 to 24 months)

Come and explore with your toddler in a nurturing environment. You will learn new songs, activities, stories, and learning games that support growth and development through play. Children remain in the classroom while caregivers convene in a separate room, allowing caregivers to share ideas, strategies and resources while building community with other families.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Toddlin' Tykes	12-17 mo	Tues	9:15-10:30 am	9/2/2025	5/26/2026	\$109/mo	1217-1
	12-17 mo	Wed	9:15-10:30 am	8/27/2025	5/27/2026	\$109/mo	1217-2
Tender Tots	18-24 mo	Tues	11 am-12:15 pm	9/2/2025	5/26/2026	\$109/mo	1823-1
	18-24 mo	Thurs	9:15-10:30 am	8/28/2025	5/28/2026	\$109/mo	1823-3
	18-24 mo	Fri	9:15-10:30 am	8/29/2025	5/22/2026	\$109/mo	1823-4

Classes for Two-Year Olds (24 to 35 months)

Our two-year-old classrooms are designed to allow children to engage all of their senses as they sing, dance, create, build, problem-solve, communicate and socialize. Children gain confidence, trust and independence as their caregivers separate for a facilitator-led parenting discussion. Families can build a customized schedule for their child by adding the drop-off class to once- or twice-weekly ECFE Taste of Preschool options, or enrolling in it as an independent offering.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
ECFE Taste of Preschool	24-35 mo	Mon	9-11 am	9/8/2025	5/18/2026	\$176/mo	0002-1
	24-35 mo	Mon	11:15 am-1:15 pm	9/8/2025	5/18/2026	\$176/mo	0002-2
	24-35 mo	Tues/Thurs, parent education day is Tue	9-11 am	8/28/2025	5/28/2026	\$353/mo	0002-3
Taste of Preschool, drop off/ no parent education	24-35 mo	Wed/Fri	9-11 am	8/27/2025	5/27/2026	\$353/mo	0002-4

Classes for 2 to 5-Year Olds

Families continue or begin their ECFE journey as children enter the Preschool years with our classes for older children. Caregivers build connections with others by sharing experiences while children spend time developing relationships through play and building emergent literacy and numeracy skills.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
ECFE Taste of Preschool, 2-3 years	31 mo by 9/1/25	Mon/Wed/Fri, parent education day is Fri	8:30-11:30 am	8/27/2025	5/27/2026	\$450/mo	0002-5
ECFE Taste of Preschool, 2-5 years	2-4 yrs 11 mo	Mon	4-5:30 pm	9/8/2025	5/18/2026	\$128/mo	0002-6



To register, visit **edina.**
ce.eleyo.com or scan here



Stay & Plays (non-separating)

Come play and discover with your child! Caregivers and their children enjoy special time together, playing in early childhood classrooms designed to support child-led play and parent-child interaction.

Note: Parent education is part of the class unless indicated with an asterisk.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Baby/Toddler Playtime, no parent education	6-18 mo	Tues	12:30-1:30 pm	9/2/2025	12/16/2025	\$65	Play-Fall1
	6-18 mo	Thurs	12:30-1:30 pm	8/28/2025	12/18/2025	\$65	Play-Fall2
	6-18 mo	Tues	12:30-1:30 pm	1/6/2026	5/26/2026	\$65	Play-WinSpr1
	6-18 mo	Thurs	12:30-1:30 pm	1/8/2026	5/28/2026	\$65	Play-WinSpr2
NEW! Toddler Together	12-24 mo	Wed	11 am-12:15 pm	9/3/2025	10/8/2025	\$176	1223-1
	12-24 mo	Wed	11 am-12:15 pm	10/15/2025	11/19/2025	\$176	1223-2
	12-24 mo	Wed	11 am-12:15 pm	1/7/2026	2/11/2026	\$176	1223-3
	12-24 mo	Wed	11am-12:15 pm	2/18/2026	4/1/2026	\$176	1223-4
	12-24 mo	Wed	11 am-12:15 pm	4/8/2026	5/13/2026	\$176	1223-5
Saturday Toddlin' Tykes	12-24 mo	Sat	9-10 am	9/6/2025	10/4/2025	\$130	1223-S1
	12-24 mo	Sat	9-10 am	10/25/2025	11/22/2025	\$130	1223-S2
	12-24 mo	Sat	9-10 am	1/24/2026	2/21/2026	\$130	1223-S3
	12-24 mo	Sat	9-10 am	4/11/2026	5/9/2026	\$130	1223-S4
Saturday Songs and Stories-Baby & Me	Birth to 1 yr	Sat	10:30-11:30 am	9/6/2025	10/4/2025	\$130	0006-S1
Saturday Songs and Stories	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	10:30-11:30 am	10/25/2025	11/22/2025	\$130	0065-S1
	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	10:30-11:30 am	1/24/2026	2/21/2026	\$130	0065-S2
	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	10:30-11:30 am	4/11/2026	5/9/2026	\$130	0065-S3
ECFE: Celebrate the Seasons	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	9:30-11 am	10/11/2025		\$40/fam	0065-SFall

Stay & Plays (non-separating) *continued*

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
ECFE: Celebrate the Seasons	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	9:30-11am	1/10/2026		\$40/fam	0065-SWin
	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	9:30-11am	3/28/2026		\$40/fam	0065-Spr1
	6 mo-5 yrs	Sat	9:30-11am	5/16/2026		\$40/fam	0065-Spr2

Drop & Play

Drop & Play classes are two hours of complete fun for your toddler or preschooler! The first 90 minutes of class are drop-off time - opportunities for your child to play, create, and socialize with other children while you have time for yourself. During the last 30 minutes of class, come join your child for a circle time led by one of our early childhood educators. Purchase a season pass and come as often as your schedule allows.

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
New! Drop and Play	2-15 yrs	Fri	12-2pm	8/29/2025	12/16/2025	\$150	0025-Fall1
	2-15 yrs	Fri	12-2pm	1/9/2026	5/22/2026	\$150	0025-WinSpr

Fun Topics

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Stay and Play with Grandparents	Birth to 5 yrs	Thurs	11:45-12:45pm	8/28/2025	12/18/2025	\$65	GPlay-Fall
	Birth to 5 yrs	Thurs	11:45-12:45pm	1/8/2026	5/28/2026	\$65	GPlay-WinSpr
ECFE in Nature	Birth to 5 yrs	Wed	11:30-12:30pm	9/3/2025	10/8/2025	\$104	Nature-Fall
	Birth to 5 yrs	Wed	11:30-12:30pm	1/7/2026	2/11/2026	\$104	Nature-Win
	Birth to 5 yrs	Wed	11:30-12:30pm	4/8/2026	5/13/2026	\$104	Nature-Spr

Fun Topics *continued*

Class Title	Age	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
NEW! Full STEAM Ahead	2-5 years	Wed	6-7:30pm	9/3/2025	10/8/2025	\$156	0025-2
	2-5 years	Wed	6-7:30 pm	1/7/2026	2/11/2026	\$156	0025-3
	2-5 years	Wed	6-7:30 pm	4/8/2026	5/13/2026	\$156	0025-4
	2-5 years	Sat	9-10:30 am	9/6/2025	10/4/2025	\$130	0025-5
	2-5 years	Sat	9-10:30 am	1/10/2026	2/7/2026	\$130	0025-6
	2-5 years	Sat	9-10:30 am	4/11/2026	5/9/2026	\$130	0025-7
Jumpstart to Kindergarten	4-5 years	Thurs	4:30-5:30 pm	4/30/2026	5/14/2026	\$96	Kinder-2025

Parent Education

Parent Education aims to enhance the ability of all caregivers to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth. It is a place where all families find others to walk beside them and support them on their parenting journey. Classes are for caregivers only.



Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Parenting Elementary Students	Thurs	12:30-2 pm	9/4/2025	5/7/2026	\$240	Beyond-K5
Parenting Middle School Students	Tues	12:30-2 pm	9/2/2025	5/5/2026	\$240	Beyond-68
Parenting High School Students	Wed	12:30-2 pm	9/3/2025	5/6/2026	\$240	Beyond-912
Individual Parent Education			9/2/2025	ongoing	\$105	IPE25-26

Cook & Learn

while making Jello!

Ingredients and Notes:

- **Jello mix** – This recipe uses the 3-ounce jello mix. You can make whatever flavor you want. Vegan and/or gelatin-free mixes will also work!
- **Boiling water** – Use an electric tea kettle to boil water on the fly; or a small saucepan will do. You'll need 1 cup boiling water.
- **Cold water** – You'll need just 1 cup of water. But make sure it's cold water, not room temperature.

Instructions:

1. Dissolve the mix in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup boiling water.
2. Add ice cubes to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water to make $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups.
3. Stir the cold water into the mix until it's slightly thickened.
4. Then just remove any unmelted ice cubes, and refrigerate the jello mixture for 30 to 90 minutes, or until firm.



Ask your child these questions along the way:



Before mixing:

While feeling the outside of the bowl—how does it feel? Warm?

Feel the outside of the cold water bowl—how does it feel? Cold?

When you combine ingredients:

What does the mixture smell like once you add to the water and stir? Sweet?

What does the texture of liquid of the bowl look like/feel like?

After you take out the jello mixture from the fridge and add some to a bowl to taste:

How does the mixture feel?

What does it taste like?



Preschool for 3-5 Year Olds

Welcome to Edina Early Learning Center— A Place for All Learners!



At the Edina Early Learning Center (ELC), we believe that every child is unique and brings something special to our school. We welcome all learners with open arms, creating an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to grow. Our program is thoughtfully designed to meet the diverse needs of young learners, providing children with the tools they need to thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Our students develop their emergent math and literacy skills through play based learning using The Creative Curriculum.

Socially, our students learn healthy social emotional skills through our school wide positive behavior system called The Pyramid Model. Our goal at the ELC is to support children's growth and learning so each child is ready to thrive in Edina Kindergarten.

A Day in the Life of a Preschooler:

Circle Time/Morning Meeting

Each day starts with attention focused on building a strong community through songs, read-alouds, stories and calendar. All staff model social and emotional skills, including creating and maintaining friendships.

Literacy

Students begin to develop their emergent literacy skills through activities focused on building concepts about print, oral language skills, comprehension, letters and sounds and some early writing practice.

Math

Emergent numeracy and math skills include activities that develop number sense, patterning, colors/shapes and other math concepts.

Science

Science is all around us and students will learn how to explore, question and discover through scientific themes like nature, plants, animals, ecosystems and weather.

Choice Time

Children can choose from a variety of themed centers derived from The Creative Curriculum such as art, science, sensory play, building blocks, and pretend play. Children are free to explore their interests, make independent choices, and engage with peers in meaningful ways. This time encourages creativity, problem-solving, and social development, helping each child learn at their own pace in a joyful environment.

Large Motor Movement

At the Early Learning Center, we understand the importance of physical activity in early childhood development. Movement can help children build strength, coordination, and confidence. At the ELC we have 4 large motor spaces at the ELC; two gyms, an Action Based Learning room, and a large enclosed safe playground!

Art, Music and Theater

Learning in preschools happens through an artistic, musical lens. Students will sing, dance and act out their learning multiple times each day.

Looking to extend your child’s time at school?

Our wraparound childcare program complements the preschool day by offering extended hours and engaging activities that provide a seamless transition between structured learning and flexible play. Designed for busy families, this program ensures your child is in a safe, nurturing environment before and after preschool hours, with enriching activities that promote social skills, creativity, and relaxation. With age-appropriate games, arts and crafts, outdoor play, and quiet time for rest or reading, our wraparound care supports your child’s well-being and development, giving you peace of mind and giving them a fulfilling, balanced day.

Consider adding child care to extend the school day! See our child care options on page 18.

Non School Days:

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- Oct 16, 17
- Nov 4, 26-28
- Dec 22-31
- Jan 1-2, 16, 19
- Feb 16, 17
- March 3, 16-20
- April 10
- May 25

Our Teachers



All of our teachers...

- have a **4 year teaching degree**
- have completed **32 hours** of professional development in reading instruction
- are trained to implement the **Pyramid model** in classrooms

Student Outcomes

- **93%** of preschoolers meet or exceed math proficiencies
- **90%** of students achieved pre-reading and emerging literacy skills at the preschool level
- **84%** of our students met social skills goals

Strong Community Partnerships

- **Early Learning Corps** tutors
- **Community volunteers** helping in our school daily
- **Strong PTO** who support families and teachers throughout the year

Culture of Inclusivity



- Inclusive community where all children are valued and celebrated
- Established transition process from preschool to kindergarten
- Multilingual system of supports

Half Day Preschool

Our **half day preschool** program is designed for families seeking a balanced, enriching educational experience for their young learners within a shorter time frame. With a focus on social-emotional, emergent literacy and numeracy skills, our half day program provides children with engaging, play-based learning activities in a nurturing environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and independence. Prices listed include a daily snack and all class materials and supplies.

Half Day 3s

For students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Preschool for 3s	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30 am	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$713/mo	0003-1
	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:30-11:30 am	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$445/mo	0003-2
	Tues/Thu	8:30-11:30 am	8/28/2025	5/28/2026	\$298/mo	0003-3
Multi-age Preschool	Mon-Thu	12:30-3 pm	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$480/mo	0035-1

Half Day 4s

For students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2024

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
PreK for 4s	Mon-Fri	8:30-11:30 am	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$713/mo	0045-1
PreK for 4s, Nature Based STEAM	Mon-Fri	12:30-3 pm	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$597/mo	0045-4
Multi-age Preschool	Mon-Thu	12:30-3 pm	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$480/mo	0035-1



Full Day Preschool

Our **full day preschool** program is designed for families seeking a balanced, enriching educational experience for their young learners for a six hour day. The full day program provides a more in-depth focus on social-emotional, emergent literacy and numeracy skills, through our play based learning activities in a nurturing environment that encourages exploration, creativity, and independence. In addition, students will eat lunch and have movement breaks throughout their day. Prices listed include lunch, snack, and all class materials and supplies.

Full Day 3s

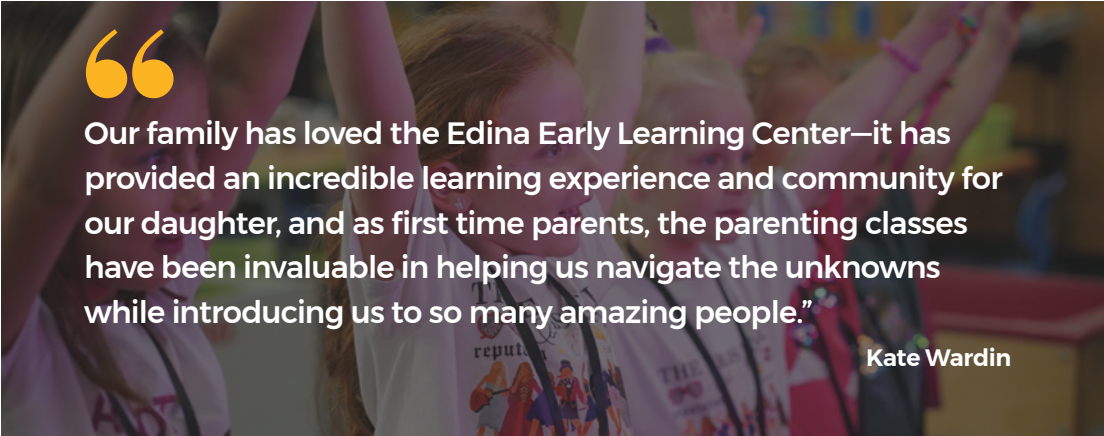
For students 3 years old as of Sept 1, 2025

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
Preschool for 3s	Mon-Fri	8:30 am-2:30 pm	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$1,257/mo	0003-AD

Full Day 4s

For students 4+ years old as of Sept 1, 2025

Class Title	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Price	Course #
PreK for 4s	Mon-Fri	8:30 am-2:30 pm	8/27/2025	5/28/2026	\$1,257/mo	0045-AD





Childcare for Preschoolers

Do you need childcare for your child before or after preschool? We’ve created flexible options just for you! Your child will be escorted by classroom staff to/from the childcare space when you add this option to your weekly schedule. Children enrolled in childcare enjoy a variety of age-appropriate academic and play-based activities. Students enjoy playground/gym time, creative art projects, circle time, and self-directed play. Quiet body time occurs and snack is provided each afternoon.

Children must be registered for an Early Learning Center preschool class to be eligible. Childcare follows the Early Learning Center calendar, so when school is not in session, childcare is closed.

Childcare is offered on a space-available basis.

Sample Schedules

Sample Schedule 1

7:30–8:30 am	Childcare Block 1
8:30–11:30 am	Half Day Preschool
11:30 am–3 pm	Childcare Block 3

Sample Schedule 2

8:30–11:30 am	Preschool
11:30 am–5:30 pm	Childcare Blocks 3 & 4

Sample Schedule 3

12:30–3 pm	Half Day Preschool
3 pm–5:30 pm	Childcare Block 4

Sample Schedule 4

7:30–8:30 am	Childcare Block 1
8:30 am–2:30 pm	Full Day Preschool
2:30–4 pm	Childcare Block 5

Childcare Blocks Available Monday-Friday

Block	Time	Rate	Notes
1	7:30–8:30 am	\$9.90/day	Breakfast provided before 8 am
2	8:30 am–12:30 pm	\$39.60/day	Lunch provided
3	11:30 am–3 pm	\$34.65/day	Lunch provided
4	3–5:30 pm	\$24.75/day	
5	2:30–4 pm	\$14.85/day	Full Day Preschool students only
6	2:30–5:30 pm	\$29.70/day	Full Day Preschool students only



DEFINING EXCELLENCE



Welcome to KINDERGARTEN!

We cannot wait to welcome you and your incoming kindergarten student! Events are designed for both parents and students with activities such as touring classrooms, meeting teachers, and so much more! Check in with your new site to learn more.

Scheduled Welcome Nights:

CONCORD ELEMENTARY:

Thursday, May, 15
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

CORNELIA ELEMENTARY:

Tuesday, May, 13
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY:

Monday, May, 19
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CREEK VALLEY ELEMENTARY:

Tuesday, May, 13
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY:

Event not offered at this time

French Immersion at

NORMANDEALE ELEMENTARY:

Thursday, May, 1
5:30 - 7:10 p.m.





Join Us This Spring



Don’t wait until Fall to join us—here are offerings you can jump into now!

ECFE Book Study

Wed, 12-1 pm	Jan 29-Feb 26
\$96	BOOK-Wtr
<i>The book “Good Inside” by Dr. Becky Kennedy is included in the price</i>	

Exploring Gentle Parenting

Thurs, 12-1 pm	Feb 13-Feb 27
\$58	MODERN-Wtr

Popular Topics in Parenting: Siblings

Fri, 11 am-12 pm	February 21, 2025
\$25	PTP-Siblings

Popular Topics in Parenting: Celebrations

Fri, 11 am-12 pm	April 18, 2025
\$25	PTP-Celebrations

ECSE & ECFE Collaboaration: Ages 3-5

Wed, 12-1 pm	Jan 8-Jan 22
\$58	ECFE-ECSE Wtr

Bond & Breathe: Adult & Young Yogis

Session 1:	
Sat, 11 am-12 pm	Feb 8 - Mar 15
\$60	412-H300
Session 2:	
Sat, 11 am-12 pm	Apr 12 -May 17
\$60	412-H401

Labor & Birth Prep: The Final Countdown

Session 1:	
Wed, 6:30-8 pm	Jan 15
\$70	115-H111
Session 2:	
Thu, 6:30-8 pm	Apr 24
\$70	424-H401

Create your own tree using vegetable stampers!

Materials:

- **Raw Vegetables**—broccoli, mushrooms, cauliflower
- **Paint colors of your choice** for your tree's leaves
- **Tree outline**—draw your own or find a printout online



Instructions:

1. Separate paints into trays
2. Cut or separate vegetables so that the stem and top of vegetable are clean and dry ready to use as a stamper
3. Hold the stem of a vegetable and place the top of the vegetable into the paint, then place the vegetable top that is full of paint and stamp your leaves to the branches of the tree. The different vegetables should leave different paint patterns
4. Stamp your tree leaves with a mixture of different vegetables and colors of your choice until you feel your masterpiece is complete!



Get involved to support our school!



The ELC PTO is a non-profit group open to all parents/ caregivers of the ELC. There is no cost to join.

The ELC PTO exists to provide opportunities to engage with and support the ELC's mission of enhancing the quality of family life through early childhood and family education.

We do this through:



Advocacy



Community Engagement



Teacher Appreciation



Fundraising

Not only does the PTO support our school but it provides a way to meet and connect with other caregivers in our school community.

Please consider sharing your time and talents with the PTO! Learn more about how to get involved: earlylearning.edinaschools.org/get-involved/pto or email edinaelcpto@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting you!



Additional Supports



Early Childhood Screening

Early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid growth. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is required by the state of Minnesota to be completed before starting kindergarten, and it is a FREE service that usually takes about an hour to complete.

At your child's first screening, a trained professional will check on the following:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunization review
- Large and small muscles/motor skills
- Thinking, language, and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

To schedule your free screening:

Visit earlylearning.edinaschools.org/learning/developmental-screening

Questions?

Contact our Outreach Specialist, Affey Sigat, at affey.sigat@edinaschools.org or 952-848-3985

Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is an Edina Public Schools program that provides intervention to young children, from birth to kindergarten, who show developmental delay in the general areas of speech and language, large and fine motor skills, social and emotional behavior, cognitive and/or adaptive skills, or have vision or hearing losses.

For more information:

Call 952-848-4231 or email early.learning@edinaschools.org.

Financial Assistance

ECFE Classes—Sliding Fee Scale

For classes with a parent education (ECFE) component, tuition is charged on a sliding fee scale based on family household income. The price shown in this catalog is the most a family would pay.

Annual Household Income	Participant Pays
\$0 - \$24,999	10% of listed price
\$25,000 - \$44,999	25% of listed price
\$45,000 - \$59,999	50% of listed price
\$60,000 - \$74,999	75% of listed price
\$75,000+	100% of listed price

Non ECFE Classes—Scholarship

For classes without a parenting component, financial assistance is available in the form of a preschool scholarship for qualifying families.

Please visit earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register and select “Financial Assistance” at the top menu. You can also contact our Outreach Specialist, Affey Sigat, at 952-848-3985 or affey.sigat@edinaschools.org for more information.

For more information:

For all billing information and policies, please visit earlylearning.edinaschools.org/register.



Registration Information

ECFE registration opens 8 am:

January 21 for Edina residents;

January 28 for our neighbors



Register online!
edina.ce.eleyo.com

Set Up Your Account:

Set up an account prior to registration.

Then, when registration opens, log on, select your classes and complete the process. Keep in mind to explore classes based on your child’s age as of 9/1/2024.

To create an account:

Create an account at edina.ce.eleyo.com or log in to verify or update your information.

Questions? We’re here to help!

Email: early.learning@edinaschools.org

Phone: (952) 848-3908

In Person: M-F, 8 am–4 pm at the Edina Community Center

We are in the Edina Community Center:

Edina Community Center
5701 Normandale Road
Edina, MN 55424

Entrance and parking information:

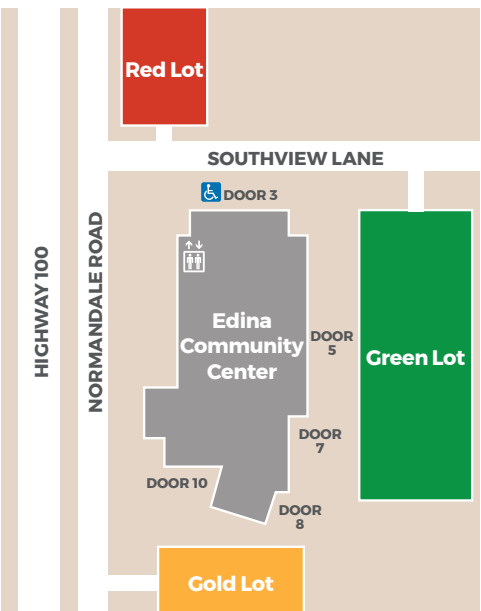
Park in the Green Lot and enter Door 5

NEW Preschool contract request window:

January 21 (8 am)–February 3 (11:59 pm)

Our preschool classes fill up quickly. Registration is done on a lottery basis with priority given in the following order.

1. District Employees
2. Edina Attendance Boundary Residents
3. Fee Assistance Candidates
4. Current ELC Student or sibling of a current student
5. All other students



Cancellation and Refund Policy

We hate to do it, but sometimes Edina Early Learning Center has to cancel a class due to weather, low enrollment, or other evolving situations. And sometimes you need to cancel a class. We understand. Schedules and priorities change. Please visit our website at earlylearning.edinaschools.org and click on “Register” to learn more about cancellation timelines, refunds and fees for all of our programs, in addition to information about weather related cancellations, late pick-up fees and more.

Photo Consent

Unless you notify Edina Early Learning Center, photos taken within Early Learning Center classes/programs/activities may be included in Early Learning Center publications.

Data Privacy

Your privacy is important to us. The registration information you provide to Edina Early Learning Center is considered private data under state

and federal law. We use the information you provide for the purposes of administering the activity and to contact you about upcoming activities. While you may choose to withhold this information, there may be consequences that could limit the distribution of information to the participant (e.g., no team roster or class confirmation). Access to contact information is limited to individuals involved in the activity.

Satisfaction Guaranteed

If for any reason you are not happy with the quality of one of our education programs, classes or activities, we want to know about it. We work hard to offer high quality programming that meets the needs of learners of all ages, stages, abilities and interests and to recruit dynamic, enthusiastic teachers who care about learning for life and connecting community. Please call us at (952) 848-3908 to offer your constructive feedback, and we will be glad to work with you to make things right.



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Come over for a play date!

We'd love to meet you and show you around!

Early Learning Center Open House

Saturday, April 12th, 2025
9:00-11:00 am

Edina Community Center

5701 Normandale Road, Edina
Park in the Green Lot on the east side of
ECC Enter Door 5

Can't make the open house?

Take a personalized tour to learn about our school. Tours are usually available before 9:00 am and after 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

To Schedule:

Email early.learning@edinaschools.org
In the subject line write "ELC" Tour Request"
and in the body of the email include at least
three preferred dates for your tour.