



2026–27 Application Instructions

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 12

Before Applying to School

1. Consider schools that have services you need and if bus transportation is available from your home or daycare address. Review how community and magnet programs continue from elementary to middle to high schools.
2. Visit spps.org/apply and enter your home address in the School Finder to confirm your Area and Community School Zone, then review your school choice options.
3. An open house or school tour is a perfect opportunity to learn more about schools that interest you. Go to spps.org/openhouses for dates and times of each school's winter open house.
4. Visit school websites to explore specific school information.

Applying for a School

1. Apply online at spps.org/apply, complete a paper application or visit the Student Placement Center at 2102 University Ave. West, St. Paul, MN 55114. Applications must be received or postmarked by February 20, 2026, for priority consideration. Families who apply by the priority application deadline will be notified of acceptance, or placement on a waiting list, in April.
2. List up to two schools on your application. Your school choices are considered in the order you list them. Students who are not accepted at their first choice school will be placed on the school's waiting list.
3. Please note that students may not be accepted at either of their two school choices, but students who reside in St. Paul are guaranteed enrollment at a Saint Paul Public School for grades K-12.
4. Complete a separate application for each student.
5. Please fill out the application completely.

Pre-Kindergarten Criteria

In addition to the Admission Priorities listed in the School Selection Guide, enrollment consideration for the Pre-K program is based on the following:

- Students who live in St. Paul
- Students who turn four years old by September 1, 2026
- Students who are English Learners
- Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals (see chart below)
- Students who receive Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) services

Free/Reduced Lunch Guidelines

Household Size	Total Household Maximum Income				
	Per Year	Per Month	Twice Per Month	Every 2 Weeks	Per Week
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
For each additional household member add:	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

PreK–12 Priority Application Deadline: February 20, 2026

Student Placement Center - Saint Paul Public Schools, 2102 University Avenue W. St. Paul, MN 55114



2026-2027 Application for Enrollment in Saint Paul Public Schools: PreK-Grade 12

Saint Paul
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mail completed application to:

Student Placement Center, 2102 University Avenue W. St. Paul, MN 55114

Priority Application Deadline: February 20, 2026

Student's Legal Name: _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Birth Date: _____ Female Male Home Language: _____ Yes No American Indian Asian Black Pacific Islander White

Applying for Grade: _____ Student's Current or Last School Attended: _____

Does your child receive special education services and/or have an IEP? Yes No

Do you believe that your child qualifies for free/reduced price lunch (see other side for criteria)? Yes No

Information you provide on this application form for Pre-Kindergarten students may be shared with Think Small, Head Start or the Minnesota Department of Education for program planning purposes. Check here if you do not want your information shared.

SCHOOL CHOICE

1st: _____
First Choice School and Program

Name/birth date of sibling already attending this school: _____

2nd: _____
Second Choice School and Program

Name/birth date of sibling already attending this school: _____

READ AND SIGN BEFORE SUBMITTING

- I understand that I may have to provide transportation for my child by choosing to enroll in a school outside our specified area.
- I understand that by choosing to enroll in the specified program, my child will be enrolled in the requisite courses. If this changes, I understand that I MUST provide transportation or transfer my child to our community school.
- I understand that excessive tardiness or unexcused absences during the school year may result in my child being required to accept enrollment in another school within my area.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

1. Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
First and Last Name

Home Address: _____ Street _____ Apartment # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email*: _____
*This email will be used to communicate application results

Is a parent/legal guardian a current SPPS employee**? Yes No

If yes, please list name of parent and work location: _____ Employee ID #: _____
** Please visit spps.org/apply or School Selection Guide for Specific Employee Considerations

2. Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
First and Last Name

Home Address: _____ Street _____ Apartment # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Is a parent/legal guardian a current SPPS employee**? Yes No

If yes, please list name of parent and work location: _____ Employee ID #: _____
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Alternate/Daycare Address (if different than home address)
This information is used for transportation purposes only. Admission priorities are based on home address only.

Pick Up Address: _____ Street _____ Apartment # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Pick Up Contact Person: _____ Pick Up Phone: _____

Drop Off Address: _____ Street _____ Apartment # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Drop Off Contact Person: _____ Drop Off Phone: _____

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Student ID: _____ Date received: _____

Area: _____ CSZ: _____

Admission Criteria: Program Check: Sibling:

Age/grade check: Employee: Twin ID: _____

EA to K: GT: SpEd:

NOTES: _____