

# TUITION-FREE PRE-KINDERGARTEN Application 2026-27 (VPK)



## What is Voluntary Pre-K?

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) in Minnesota is a publicly funded, high-quality program for **4-year-old children** designed to prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

## Eligibility

- Be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026
- Complete Early Childhood Screening before attending
- Complete an Enrollment packet, after approval
- Mark one of the criteria on the application (for tuition-free)
- You will need to check the elementary school of attendance for your address on the application. Look up the school at <https://www.osseoschools.org/enrollment/find-your-school>

**Priority Lottery  
Deadline  
January 15, 2026**

Applications accepted  
until program full

## Transportation for tuition-free pre-k

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 from their attendance area school are eligible for transportation.

## Required early childhood screening

An Early Childhood Screening is required 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.
- A review of the student's progress and needs. Early Childhood Screening identifies needs that may require special attention before a child enters school.

Early Childhood  
Screening Information



## 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.

Schedule Screening

Appointment



Looking for other options  
for your preschool age child?  
[osseoschools.org/academics/preschool-prek](https://osseoschools.org/academics/preschool-prek)

# 26-27 TUITION-FREE PRE-K (VPK)



## Student Information

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	BIRTHDATE mm/dd/yyyy	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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## Parent Information

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother Other _____
ADDRESS	Apt/Unit #	CITY	ZIP CODE
CELL PHONE	EMAIL		

SCHOOLS	School of Attendance ✓	CLASS TIME	Rank Choice 1, 2, 3
<b>Edinbrook Elementary</b> 8925 Zane Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55443		Morning 8:50 - 11:20	
		Afternoon 12:50 - 3:20	
<b>Elm Creek Elementary</b> 9830 Revere Lane N Maple Grove, MN 55369		Morning 8:50 - 11:20	
		Afternoon 12:50 - 3:20	
<b>Fair Oaks Elementary</b> 5600 65th Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55429		Morning 9:30 am-noon	
		Afternoon 1:30 - 4:00	
<b>Garden City Elementary</b> 3501 65th Avenue North Brooklyn Ctr, MN 55429		Morning 9:30 – noon	
		Afternoon 1:30- 4:00	
<b>Oak View Elementary**</b> 6710 E Fish Lake Road Maple Grove, MN 55369		Morning 9:30 – noon	
		Afternoon 1:30 - 4:00	
<b>Palmer Lk Elementary</b> 7300 W Palmer Lk Dr. Brooklyn Pk, MN 55429		Morning 8:50 - 11:20	
		Afternoon 12:50 - 3:20	
<b>Park Brook Elementary</b> 7400 Hampshire Ave N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55428		Morning 8:50 - 11:20	
		Afternoon 12:50 - 3:20	
<b>Zanewood Elementary</b> 7000 Zane Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN 55429		Morning 9:30 – noon	
		Afternoon 1:30- 4:00	
<b>Birch Grove School for the Arts**</b> Apply through Northwest Suburban Integration School District's website. Priority deadline is December 17, 2025 <a href="http://NWS.K12.MN.US">NWS.K12.MN.US</a>		Morning 9:30 – noon	**
		Afternoon 1:30- 4:00	**
<b>Aspen Ridge Elementary</b>		Tuition-Free Pre-Kindergarten NOT offered at these Schools	
<b>Basswood Elementary</b>			
<b>Cedar Island Elementary</b>			
<b>Fernbrook Elementary</b>			
<b>Rice Lake Elementary</b>			
<b>Rush Creek Elementary</b>			
<b>Woodland Elementary</b>			

To qualify for tuition-free pre-kindergarten families must meet one of the following qualifications per Minnesota Statutes.

**Please check (✓) the qualifications that apply.**

- Qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals/educational benefits
- Qualifies for state general financial eligibility requirements listed in Minn. Stat. 119B.09, Sub 1, paragraph (a), clause 2
- Is an English Language Learner
- Is an American Indian
- Has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months
- Is identified through health and development screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- Is in foster care, kinship care, or is in need of child protection services
- Has a parent who is a migrant or seasonal agriculture laborer
- Has a parent who is incarcerated
- 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.

**\*\*The Oak View site 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.**

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