# Let's go to KINDERGARTEN!

## Robbinsdale Area Schools Kindergarten Family Guide

Robbinsdale Area Schools (Rdale) offers exceptional opportunities for your student. These include hands-on activities in language arts, literacy, math, science, art, music, health and well-being, and physical development. The variety of classroom lessons creates an interesting and fun learning environment.

As students learn to be kind, make friends and work together, they acquire skills they will build on throughout their years in school.



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# READY...



## Early Learning Programs

Early Learning programming is designed to nurture your student and foster a love of learning. Robbinsdale Area Schools offers exceptional experiences to enhance and expand the learning opportunities available for your student.

Robbinsdale Area Schools Early Learning program offers a variety of options including:

- **Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes**
- **Two- to five-day Preschool**
- **Early Adventures**

Please call 763-504-4170 or visit **earlychildhood.rdale.org** for details.

## Early Childhood Screening

Early childhood screening is required by the state of Minnesota and must be done any time before your student starts kindergarten. The recommended age for your student to be screened is age 3½. The free screening offers the opportunity to connect face-to-face with an educator to talk about your child's strengths, get information about district and community resources, and ask questions about parenting or school. Families can make an appointment by calling 763-504-4180 or visiting rdale.ce.eleyo.com.

Children are screened for:

- Fine and gross motor skills
- Speech and language development
- Cognitive and social development
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations

# SET...

## Kindergarten Enrollment

Robbinsdale Area Schools offers tuition-free full-day kindergarten to all students in eight neighborhood elementary schools and three magnet schools. Magnet schools provide a comprehensive education with a schoolwide focus on arts, science or Spanish immersion. Use our school finder on the website to locate your school or to apply for a magnet school. Your neighborhood school will be assigned to you based on your home address—this is your "attendance area school." Magnet school students are selected through a lottery system open to all. Kindergarten enrollment forms and the school finder are online at **rdale.org/kindergarten.**

## We Care for Kids and Inspire Learning

### IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Children who are five years old on or before September 1 are eligible and encouraged to enroll in kindergarten for the school year. Magnet school applications are due in December the year before they would be attending kindergarten. Registration for neighborhood schools should be completed before summer. Find the online registration at **rdale.org/enroll.**

**November 3:** Magnet school applications available

**December 19:** Magnet school applications due;

**January 7:** Magnet school lottery results announced

**May:** Kindergarten information and registration night at neighborhood schools

**August-September:** Elementary school open houses/information nights

When you're ready to register, you'll need to have completed your student's Early Childhood Screening.

# GO!



## Kindergarten Information Night

Neighborhood schools often host information nights in May. Magnet schools host information events in November. At these events, students and their families will tour the school, meet the principal, receive a school supply list, and learn what to expect at kindergarten. Watch for the dates and times on **rdale.org/kindergarten**.

## Bus Transportation

Transportation is provided to students if:

- They are enrolled in their neighborhood school and live more than a 8/10 of a mile from the school.
- They live in the district and are attending a magnet school. Because students may come from across the district, bus rides to and from magnet schools can be longer than rides to and from neighborhood schools.

## Adventure Club Before and After School Care

Adventure Club is the before and after school childcare program in Robbinsdale Area Schools. Adventure Club opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. on all school days, and is open during the summer and over most school breaks. Students in the program will practice getting along with others while engaging in physical activity, science and cooking projects, arts and crafts, and outdoor time. For more information or to enroll, please visit **ced.rdale.org**.

## Enrollment Center

**Phone**
763-504-8080

**Email**
enrollment@rdale.org

**Address**
4148 Winnetka Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427

**Hours**
Monday through Friday,
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**You will also need:**

- **your student's birth certificate**
- **proof of home address**
- **completed K-12 online enrollment, immunization/ health records.**

At the Enrollment Center, you can learn about busing and transportation; health-related concerns and immunizations; education benefits; and language assessment for English Learner Services.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

All children attending schools must be in compliance with Minnesota Immunization Law (MS 121A.15) requiring immunizations for:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTap, DTP, DT)

Polio (IPV, OPV)

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)

Hepatitis B

Varicella (chickenpox; two doses required)

**Your student will be unable to attend school until they meet the requirements of the law.** Parents/ guardians may get legal exemptions for medical reasons or conscientiously held beliefs.



We can't wait to welcome your student to Rdale! Our mission is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

**Believe. Belong. Become.**



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