



Save the Dates

Tentative upon board approval

Open House

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Kindergarten Assessment Days

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

First Day of Kindergarten

Thursday, September 10, 2026



Welcome Class of 2039

2026-2027 Kindergarten Information

Welcome

Dear Foley Elementary Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Foley Elementary School, and thank you for joining us for kindergarten registration. We are excited to begin this important partnership with you and your child as they take their first step into elementary school.

Kindergarten is a meaningful and joyful year of growth. It is a time when children build foundational academic skills while also learning how to be part of a classroom community—sharing, problem-solving, following routines, and developing confidence as learners. Our goal is to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and excited about coming to school each day.

At Foley Elementary, our kindergarten program is designed to meet the needs of all learners. Students engage in developmentally appropriate instruction that supports academic growth alongside social, emotional, and physical development. Our teachers use a balance of whole-group learning, small-group instruction, and hands-on activities to meet students where they are and help them continue to grow. We recognize that children enter kindergarten with a wide range of skills, strengths, and experiences, and we work intentionally to support each child's individual needs.

Strong routines, clear expectations, and a caring classroom environment help students build independence and confidence throughout the year. We also value family involvement and communication, as a strong home-school partnership plays an important role in a successful kindergarten experience.

This brochure is intended to give you a helpful overview of what to expect in kindergarten and how we support students during this important transition. We look forward to working together to make your child's kindergarten year a positive and successful one.

Sincerely,
Adam Kluver
Principal
Foley Elementary School



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Frequently Asked Questions...

- Q.** What is the age requirement to enter kindergarten?
- A.** Children who are five years old on or before September 1, 2026 are eligible to begin kindergarten. Please submit a copy of your child's birth certificate to the Elementary office.
- Q.** How do I register?
- A.** Kindergarten registration paperwork is online and should be completed electronically. The **Enrollment tab** can be found on the school home page: foley.k12.mn.us.
- Q.** Which immunizations are required?
- A.** Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (5-dose series), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (2-dose series), Hepatitis B (3-dose series), Varicella (2-dose series) and Polio (4-dose series). Please visit [MDH Immunization](#) for more information about immunizations or to obtain a conscientious exemption form.
- Q.** Do I need to have my child screened prior to kindergarten?
- A.** Yes. State law requires children to participate in early childhood screening before kindergarten, ideally between the ages of 3 1/2 to 4. To schedule a screening or get more information go to: <https://sites.google.com/apps.isd51.org/foley-ecfe/early-childhood-screening>. For additional questions, contact Lori Steen at 320-968-8526 or email lsteen@apps.isd51.org. Components include a review of health history and immunizations, a vision and hearing check, height, weight, and developmental screening. It can detect possible health or learning concerns so that children can get help before they start kindergarten.
- Q.** When will I find out who my child's teacher will be?
- A.** Because of staffing and enrollment changes made throughout the summer, class lists are not finalized until late July or early August.
- Q.** How can I get involved at my child's school?
- A.** Foley Public Schools celebrates the partnership between home and school. Classes routinely have opportunities throughout the year for families to be involved. You will begin to receive some of this information in the fall.
- Foley Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for parents who would like to help plan events - Bingo Night, Movie Night and Carnival. Meetings are once a month. Email (Traci) tnovak@apps.isd51.org if interested.
- Q.** How do I know which school supplies to purchase?
- A.** Supply lists can be found on the school's website after June 1st under Elementary > Supply List (icon on Foley Elementary page)

Register online on the school's website!
foley.k12.mn.us > [Enrollment](#)

School Services

Nutrition Services

Nutrition Services strives to ensure that every student is well nourished so that they may be at their best in the classroom. Our meals are healthy, well-balanced, and meet federal nutrition standards for school meals. Breakfast is free to all kindergarten students, a program funded by the State of Minnesota. We look forward to helping your child establish healthy eating habits that they need to grow, learn, and play! Forms found on Website under Child Nutrition for free and reduced, special dietary restrictions, monthly menus and Classroom special treats.

Lori Landowski, Director of Child Nutrition Services

Phone: 320-968-8561

Email: llandowski@apps.isd51.org

Transportation Services

Our transportation team is committed to providing every student with safe, friendly, and reliable transportation to and from school. We greet students each morning and ensure they return home safely at the end of the day. To support student safety, all parents must complete a transportation request form outlining their child's usual end-of-day transportation plan. For younger students especially, it's important that these plans remain consistent. If you need to make a permanent change during the school year, please contact the office to complete a new form. A new form must be on file before any permanent changes can take effect.

Robert (Bob) Gross

Transportation Director

320-968-8618 | rgross@apps.isd51.org

Maggie Schefers

Transportation Secretary

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Falcon Kids Care

Falcon Kids Care is an out-of-school time enrichment and child care program provided in partnership with Foley Public School Community Education. We provide high quality before and after school programming in a fun, educational and recreational environment for children ages 5 years - grade 6.

Please contact Chloe Lindberg with any questions about FKCI!

Chloe Lindberg

Falcon Kids Care Coordinator

Early Childhood/Preschool Programming Support

Phone: 320-968-8716

Email: clindberg@apps.isd51.org

Health Services

Foley School's Health Team continuously collaborates with educational and support services within the school to promote student health and maximize student achievement. Health aides are available in FES and FIS and help support the licensed school nurse. We strive to meet students' physical, social and emotional health needs, as well as promoting the health and safety of the entire school community.

Lindy Legatt, District Nurse

Phone: 320-968-8423

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Molly Pekarek, FES Nurse

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FES Nurse Molly

Our School



Kindergarten *SAMPLE* Schedule

8:00-9:00	Breakfast & Morning Meeting
9:00-11:00	Language Arts
11:00-12:00	Specialists (Music & Physical Education)
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:30	Math
1:30-1:50	Recess
1:50-2:40	Social Studies, Science, Art, Choice Time
2:40-3:00	Closing & Wrap-up

School Hours

Office Hours

7:00am - 4:00pm

Student Hours

8:00am-3:00pm

Teacher Hours

7:20am-3:20pm



Outdoor Learning Area

Our vibrant outdoor learning area is a magical space where nature becomes the classroom! Children can discover the wonders of science, teamwork and creativity while surrounded by fresh air and sunshine. It's a place where imaginations bloom and every day is an adventure in learning and play!



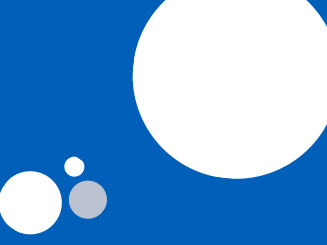
Motor Room

Our Motor Room is a dynamic space designed to nurture confidence and independence in young learners. Through engaging activities and imaginative play, children develop essential skills for academic and social success. It's a fun and inspiring environment where growth happens naturally, preparing your child to soar in their school journey!



Playground

All elementary students use our expansive playground every day for recess with their teacher. We have a variety of playground equipment, a gaga ball pit, basketball courts and much more. Our students also enjoy sledding in the winter and playing with chalk in the warmer months.



Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Reading Entry Skills

- ✓ Can write first name
- ✓ Identifies some capital and lowercase letters
- ✓ Identifies some letter sounds
- ✓ Rhymes words
- ✓ Shows an interest in books and reading
- ✓ Actively listens to an entire story

Math Entry Skills

- ✓ Identifies numbers 1-10
- ✓ Counts to at least 10
- ✓ Recognizes basic shapes and colors
- ✓ Sorts objects

Self-Help Skills

- ✓ Ties or velcros shoes
 - ✓ Dresses independently
 - ✓ Uses a scissors appropriately
 - ✓ Follows 2-3 step directions
 - ✓ Is responsible for his/her belongings
 - ✓ Stays seated at the dinner table until everyone is finished
 - ✓ Uses public restrooms independently
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Meet our Kindergarten Teachers



Mrs. Gill



Mrs. Jarousek



Ms. Klang



Mrs. Welinski



Mrs. Wendorff



Mrs. Stuckmayer

Specialist Teachers



Ms. Bergstrom
Music



Ms. Runyon
Music



Mr. Gross
Phy Ed



Ms. Prom
Phy Ed