

EARLY LEARNING

Early Childhood Family Education • Birth to Preschool • Fall 2026

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**Early Bird
Registration
OPENS JUNE 1**

Fall semester begins
the week of Sept. 14

SoWashCo
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Opportunities for infant, toddler and preschool-aged children and their families.

Where families play, learn and grow together.

CONTACTS AND LOCATIONS

Site Locations

Early Learning Main Office Liberty Ridge Site II (LR2)

11283 Eagle View Blvd
Woodbury, MN 55129

Office Hours..... 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

Early Childhood Screening Location

District Program Center (DPC)
8400 E Point Douglas Rd S
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Screening Office Hours

Mon and Wed..... 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Tue.....1:15-5:15 p.m.



Age 3
Time to
Screen



Enrollment Questions

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WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION (ECFE)?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a family education program that is only offered through Minnesota school district Community Education programs like SoWashCo Community Education. ECFE's goal is to support and enhance the ability of parents and other caregivers, through community and early school connection, to provide the best possible environment for their child's learning and growth. Other benefits of ECFE:

For Parents:

- Support and information for parents during the transition to parenthood and through the various development stages up to kindergarten
- Meeting other families with young children in your community
- Becoming familiar with South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools) before your child enters kindergarten

For Children:

- Focused time with their parent to learn and explore in an early childhood environment
- Social skills developed in interaction with other young children in a rich early childhood environment
- Gain familiarity and comfort in a school setting prior to kindergarten

Our ECFE program provides a variety of opportunities that support foundational learning, parent involvement and the healthy development of children, including:

- Parent/Child Classes with Parent Discussion
- Parent/Child Activity Classes
- Family Events
- Home and Phone Consultation Opportunities for Parents
- Community Connections
 - Washington County Libraries
 - Washington County Childcare
 - Washington County Public Health

ECFE is a partially State funded program and as a result the district is able to offer universal access based on a sliding fee scale. All families will have access to the program and no one is turned away for the inability to pay. Please see more information on [page 16](#).



“ECFE gave me a place where both my child and I could grow—together.”

“The reason I love being a parent is because of this class. It gave me friendship, support, and confidence throughout my parenting journey.”

What Can I Expect When Enrolling in a Typical ECFE Class?

1. Parent/Child Interaction

During this time, parents and children will participate together in fun age-specific activities that support foundational learning all planned by a licensed school district early childhood teacher.

2. Parent Discussion Time

Parent discussion provides an opportunity to connect with other parents in a supportive environment. You will discuss and gain relevant information on topics related to supporting children's growth and development as well as group-generated topics. A licensed school district parent educator facilitates the parent discussion.

3. Early Childhood Education

As parents participate in parent discussion, children are participating in age-appropriate learning activities planned by a licensed school district early childhood teacher. The activities that your child will participate in are intentionally planned to support social and emotional skills, language and literacy, creativity, cognitive, physical, and motor development.

DROP-IN PLAY

Infant Connect and Drop-In Play Birth to 6 months

Join us for our parent/baby connection! During these drop-in style sessions, you will be able to connect with other parents about adjusting to life with a new baby. **Registration is not required** and sessions are low cost at **\$5 per family** and can be paid onsite. **Parents and children do not separate for this class.**

District Program Center (DPC), Cottage Grove

- Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Liberty Ridge Site II (LR2), Woodbury

- Mondays, 12:30-1:45 p.m.



Drop-In Play Sessions Birth to 5 years

Drop-In Play sessions provide the opportunity for you and your child(ren) to pop in for some parent/child ECFE fun when most convenient for you! Most sessions are weekly and run from September through May based on the ECFE program calendar. Registration is not required and sessions are low cost at **\$5 per family** and can be paid onsite. **Space is limited to 14 children per session.**

These sessions are non-separating.

District Program Center (DPC), Cottage Grove

- Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.
- Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Liberty Ridge Site II (LR2), Woodbury

- Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Fridays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



*Drop-in play will not occur on the following dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 14-16, Nov. 3, 26-27, Dec. 4, 21-31, Jan. 1, 4, 18, 25-29

INFANT CLASSES (Birth to 12 months)

Scan the QR code, call, or text our ECFE Parent/Infant Specialist at 651-529-0934 to be connected with more information on parent consultations and infant offerings.

ECFE Newborn-Young Baby Parent Consultations (Free)

Connect with an ECFE Parent/Infant Specialist to get all of your parenting questions answered about sleep, feeding, infant development and more. Available in-person, by phone or Zoom.

Scan the QR code, call, or text 651-529-0934 to get connected to an ECFE Parent/Infant Specialist.



Babies, Babies, Babies!

By the time your baby is 3 months old, they have made a dramatic transformation from a totally dependent newborn to an active and responsive infant. In this class, you will connect with other families with babies from 3-12 months. You will be able to participate in activities that support your baby's development, ask questions and share ideas on feeding, sleeping and so much more. **Parents and children do not separate for this class.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
3-12 mo	W	10:30-11:45 a.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR002-3

Evening Babies, Babies, Babies!

This evening class provides an opportunity for parents to come together with other families with babies from B-12 months. During our evening babies class, you will be able to participate in fun learning activities that support your baby's development, ask questions and share ideas on feeding, sleeping and so much more. **Parents and children do not separate for this class.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
B-12 mo	T	5:15-6:45 p.m.	DPC	9/15/26	16	DP001-2E

TODDLERS/TWOS CLASSES

(12-36 months)



Toddlers and Twos

Toddlers and young two-year-olds are on the move and gaining independence as they explore the world around them. Licensed early childhood teachers will provide age-specific and fun learning activities just for toddlers and twos. In these classes, a licensed parent educator provides a discussion time which includes sharing information about topics such as: temperament, gaining cooperation, toilet learning and other group generated topics related to this stage of development. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
24-36 mo	M	10-11:30 a.m.	DPC	9/14/26	14	DP201-1
24-36 mo	T	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/15/26	16	LR202-2
16-36 mo	T	5:30-7 p.m.	DPC	9/15/26	16	DP101-2E
16-30 mo	W	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR102-3
12-24 mo	W	9-10:30 a.m.	DPC	9/16/26	16	DP103-3
12-24 mo	Th	8:45-10:15 a.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR104-4
16-30 mo	Th	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR105-4

MULTI-AGE CLASSES



Birth to Five Years

Multi-age classes bring children ages birth-5 years together in a class to learn and play. This class provides the opportunity for siblings to attend the same class together. A range of parenting topics and activities designed for all levels of learning can be expected. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
B-5 yrs	M	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/14/26	14	LR501-1
B-5 yrs	M	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	LR2	9/14/26	14	LR502-1
B-5 yrs	M	3:30-5 p.m.	LR2	9/14/26	14	LR503-1
B-5 yrs	T	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/15/26	16	LR504-2
B-5 yrs	T	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	LR2	9/15/26	16	LR505-2
B-5 yrs	W	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR506-3
B-5 yrs	Th	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR507-4

Birth to Eight Years

This multi-age class brings young elementary student(s) and preschool children together to engage in fun educational activities. This class provides the opportunity for siblings to attend the same class together. A range of parenting topics and activities designed for all levels of learning can be expected. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
B-8 yrs	W	5-6:30 p.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR508-3E

SPECIAL TOPIC CLASSES



Early Learning Book Buddies Child Activity Class Without Separation

Get ready for fun-filled learning! This ECFE class invites parents and children to explore the world through hands-on activities, songs, movement, and story time all specific to a book. Each week features a playful book that sparks curiosity and builds early literacy skills, all while focusing on early literacy development. Come learn and grow – together! **Parents and children do not separate for this class.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
2-5 yrs	Th	10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR701-4

Tiny Talkers

Early language is the foundation of lifelong literacy! Tiny Talkers is designed to nurture your toddler’s communication skills through playful, interactive experiences that support speaking, listening, and understanding– key building blocks for reading and writing. Each week your child will enjoy songs and stories, rhymes and rich conversations that build vocabulary, comprehension and a love of language. Parents will learn simple strategies to support literacy at home and foster meaningful connections through everyday talk and play. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

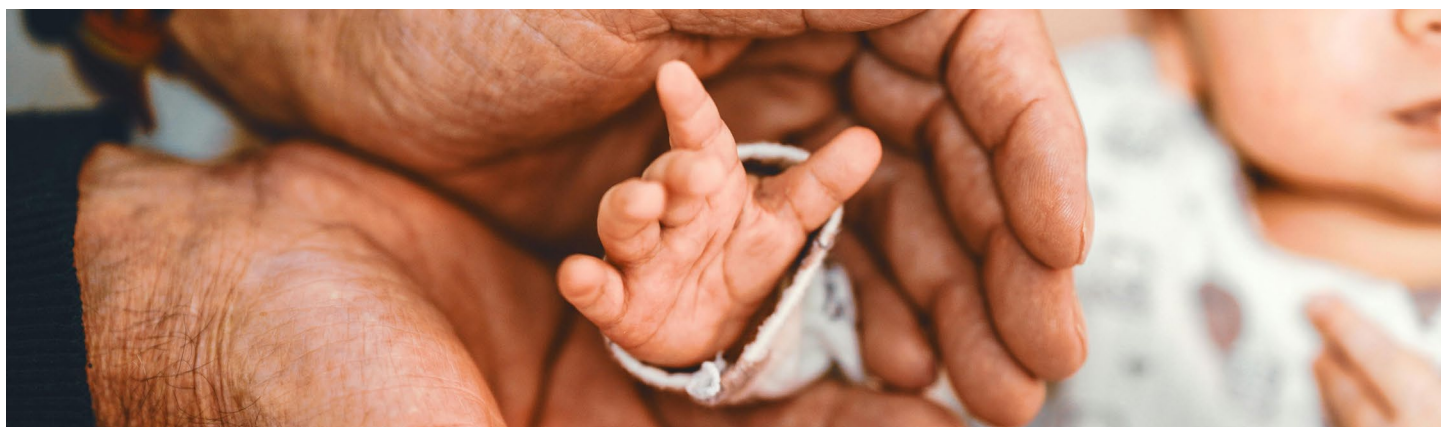
AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
18-36 mo	Th	8:45-10:15 a.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR107-4

Tiny Explorers

Get ready for big adventures with your little one! In this class designed just for toddler and two-year-olds, we’ll explore the world through hands-on play that encourages curiosity, creativity, and connection. Each week brings new sensory experiences – think squishy, splashy, bumpy, and bubbly – along with songs, movement and parent/child activities. Come ready to play, learn and discover the joy in everyday moments! **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
12-30 mos	W	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR106-3

SPECIAL TOPIC CLASSES



Just Grandma/Grandpa and Me

This class provides a great opportunity for grandparents to interact with their grandchildren in a fun learning environment. Grandparents will also gain ideas for take-home play and meet other grandparents in the community. **Grandparents and children do not separate for this class.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
B-5 yrs	T	8:30-10 a.m.	LR2	9/15/26	16	LR702-2

STEM for Preschoolers

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) class will provide fun hands-on activities that foster your child's sense of curiosity about the natural world around them. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
3-5 yrs	M	5:30-7 p.m.	LR2	9/14/26	14	LR709-1E
2.5-5 yrs	F	8:30-10:15 a.m.	LR2	9/18/26	14	LR710-5
2.5-5 yrs	F	10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	LR2	9/18/26	14	LR711-5

Messy Art

Dress for mess and artistic success! Young children are free to smear, squeeze, splatter and otherwise explore artistic possibilities in our sensory tables, writing tables and giant paper painting fun. Storybook sharing inspires new ideas and creativity as children work with a variety of materials. Parenting topic sessions will include an emphasis on the art process as well as other parenting topics selected by the group. Get ready for a messy good time! **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
2.5-5 yrs	W	5-6:30 p.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR703-3E
2.5-5 yrs	F	9-10:30 a.m.	LR2	9/18/26	14	LR704-5

SPECIAL TOPIC CLASSES



ECFE 2.0

If you are a veteran Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) parent, this class is for you! Discussions are centered on information that goes beyond the traditional. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
B-5 yrs	Th	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	LR2	9/17/26	15	LR509-4

Music and Movement

Movement is crucial to young children’s development. This class provides a time for parents to participate in movement activities with their child while discovering the connection of movement to learning. You will also gain fun ideas for supporting your child’s active learning and physical health. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
16-30 mo	T	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	LR2	9/15/26	16	LR705-2

ECFE Friends Preschool Transition Class

Facilitated by a licensed early childhood teacher and a licensed parent educator, this class is a supportive transitional experience for young preschoolers. This two-day experience includes one day for parents and children to attend together and one day for a child only preschool experience. The child only day begins in February. **Parents will move to a separate area for discussion time.**

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
31-36 mo	M	9:30-11:30 a.m.	LR2	9/14/26	29	LR301-1
	*W	9:30-11:30 a.m.		2/3/27	16	
31-36 mo	Th	8:45-10:45 a.m.	DPC	9/17/26	31	DP302-4
	*T	8:45-10:45 a.m.		2/2/27	16	

*Child-only day

Nature Play

Discover the benefits of nature play in this engaging class that nurtures the whole child. Children build curiosity, resilience, and social skills while exploring both outdoor and indoor environments.

AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
2.5-5 yrs	Thu	1:30-3:30 p.m.	DPC	9/17/26	15	DP706-4

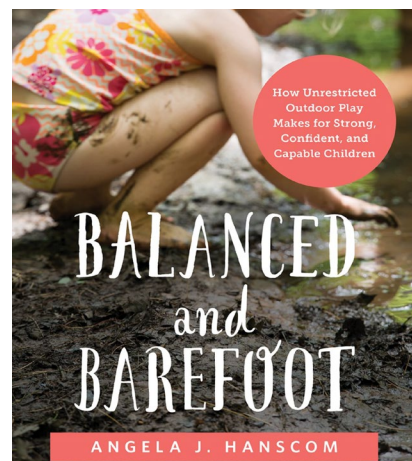
SPECIAL TOPIC CLASSES

Parenting Discussion Book Series –

Balanced and Barefoot: How Unrestricted Outdoor Play Makes for Strong, Confident, and Capable Children by Angela J. Hanscom

This parent book study explores the value of nature play and its impact on children’s development, well-being, and learning. Through guided discussions, reflections, and shared experiences, participants will examine key ideas from the selected text and consider how time in nature supports creativity, resilience, and overall health and development.

Participants will purchase the book independently. Childcare will be provided for children ages birth to 5 years, while parents attend the discussion.



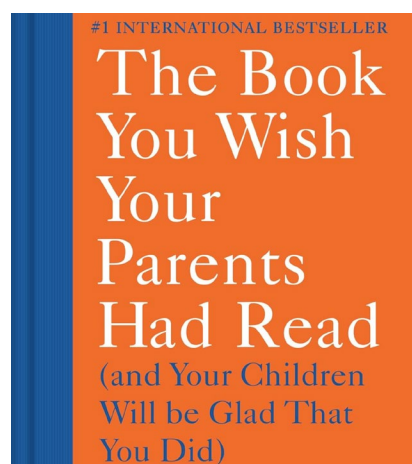
AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
Parents	T	1:30–3:30 p.m.	DPC	9/15/26	16	DP707-2

Parent Discussion Book Series –

The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read by Philippa Perry

A reflective, relationship-centered read about how our own childhood experiences and emotional patterns show up in parenting. Focuses on connection, repair, communication, and gently untangling the family baggage we did not technically ask to inherit. Class sessions will involve thoughtful discussions, allowing parents to share insights, reflect on their experiences and build a supportive parenting community.

Participants will purchase the book independently. Childcare will be provided for children ages birth to 5 years, while parents attend the discussion.



AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	START DATE	WEEKS	COURSE
Parents	W	9–11 a.m.	LR2	9/16/26	16	LR708-3

FIELD TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children must be registered and be accompanied by a registered adult.

KidStrong Woodbury

KidStrong programming is specially designed by child development experts to improve kids' emotional, mental and physical skills. They will be participating in a KidStrong class which involves obstacle courses, running, climbing, playing games involving teamwork and working together. There will also be time for kids to explore the equipment and play with the pickler triangles, monkey bars, climbing boxes, ramps, and all the other equipment. Children must be able to walk to participate.

A parent or guardian will be asked to sign a waiver upon arrival.

Deadline to register: Sept. 30

Event #: FT1

When: 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 9

Where: KidStrong Woodbury

Age: Walking to 5 yrs

Cost: \$12 per child and \$12 per adult (separate registration required). Cost includes admission and transportation. Everyone attending must be registered, including parents and guardians.



Check out the **Fall Community Ed Catalog** for field trips, special events, and fun experiences your family won't want to miss. There's something for everyone this fall!

Bus departs from the LR2
10 a.m.

Bus returns to the LR2
1 p.m.

HOME BASED SUPPORT

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Parent Consultations provide an opportunity for families with children birth to eight years of age, to ask parenting questions or share their concerns with a licensed parent educator. Parent consultations are provided in-person, by telephone, or virtually.

Connect with us today for help with:

- Supporting children's emotional well-being
- Answering developmental questions
- Adjusting to life with a new baby in the home
- Connecting with community resources and much more!

Questions about ECFE Parent Consultations?

Contact our ECFE Outreach Coordinator at 651-425-7163.



ECFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Important Dates

Fall Semester Begins: Sept. 14, 2026

Last Day of Semester: Jan. 22, 2027

No Class Dates

- Sept. 28..... Workshop day, no school
- Oct. 14No ECFE programming
- Oct. 15-16MEA, no classes
- Nov. 3..... Election day, no school
- Nov. 26-27 Holiday, no school
- Dec. 4 Workshop day, no school
- Dec. 21-Jan. 4..... Winter break, no school
- Jan. 18MLK Holiday, no school
- Jan. 22..... Last day of ECFE 1st semester
- Feb. 1.....First day of ECFE 2nd semester

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Online Registration Process

Early bird registration for Fall, 2026 Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes begins Monday, June 1, and ends Thursday, June 11. Random, computer-generated class placement will begin Friday, June 12. After that, any remaining spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis. **To register visit sowashco.ce.eleyo.com.**

Class Registration Limitations: Due to waitlists in the ECFE program and our desire to provide programming for as many in our community as possible, we will only be able to allow registration for one class per child during the early bird registration period.

If you are in need of enrollment assistance or have questions, please call our early learning office at 651-425-7181 or 651-425-7160.

While creating your registration request, you will be able to indicate your class preference as well as make an alternative class selection. Payment information will be required during registration, however your payment will not be processed until your registration request is approved.

ECFE is a partially state funded program and as a result the district is able to offer universal access based on a sliding fee scale. All families will have access to the program and no one is turned away for the inability to pay. Fee scales are located at the end of this document. **If you have questions regarding the fee scale, please call our early**

ECFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Learning office at 651-425-7181 or 651-425-7160.

Confirmations

If you register during the early bird registration period of June 1 through June 11, you will be notified by email or phone if we are not able to accommodate your choices.

Registration will be confirmed through email once all required information is complete. Please ensure that you provide a current email address during registration to ensure you receive updated ECCE communications.

Class Cancellation

If you decide to cancel a class without enrolling in a replacement class, the following refund policy will apply:

- If you cancel a class before the start date, a processing fee will be deducted from your refund.
 - Class Fee Range \$5-\$112 = \$5 processing fee
 - Class Fee Range \$113 or higher = \$10 processing fee
 - Cancellation for the ECCE Friends class will incur a \$10 processing fee.
- If you cancel after classes begin, a pro-rated refund will be given up to four weeks into the class.
- No refunds will be given after the fourth week of classes.

Classes and sibling care with insufficient enrollment may be canceled prior to the class start date. If this occurs, you will be notified and a full refund will be provided.

No refunds or class make-ups will be made when classes are canceled due to emergency school closures.



“At a time when I needed it most, ECCE provided support, connection, and a place where both my child and I could grow.”



ECFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION



The Purpose of ECFE and Eligible Participants

The purpose of the Early Childhood Family Education Program is to provide parenting education to support children's learning and development per Minnesota State Statute 124D.13. A parent or relative must attend ECFE classes with the child enrolled. Per ECFE statute, a relative is defined as noncustodial grandparents or other persons related to a child by blood, marriage, adoption, or foster placement.

Class Age Ranges

When reviewing the class offerings, you will find specified ages for each class. The age range pertains to the first day the class will begin. For example, a child enrolling in a toddler class with the age range of 12-24 months must be no younger than 12 months and no older than 24 months on the first day of class. The only exception is the ECFE Friends class in which the age range applies to Sept. 1, 2026.

Immunization Records and Birth Certificate

Minnesota state law requires that a current copy of your child's immunization record must be submitted to the ECFE office in order to complete your child's enrollment. In addition, South Washington County Schools requires a copy of your child's birth certificate to be on file.

Sibling Care

Sibling care is a fee-based option and is offered for siblings who are kindergarten age and younger. Registration in sibling care is required for siblings of children attending an age-specific class and do not meet the age range listed. Children that are age eight weeks or older must be registered for sibling care. Infants up to eight weeks of age may remain with parents in the classroom.

Please note: If you are planning to attend an ECFE class with a child that is a sibling and will turn eight weeks within the class session, please register for sibling care to ensure appropriate staffing. The program is not able to serve drop-in sibling care needs.

FEE SCALES

Class fees are per child and not per family. If you have questions regarding the fee scale, please call our ECFE office at 651-425-7181 or 651-425-7160.

16 WEEKS	FAMILY INCOME	1.25-1.5HR CLASS	1.75-2HR CLASS	SIB CARE
	\$200,000 +	\$227	\$302	\$126
	\$100,000-199,000	\$198	\$264	\$109
	\$75,000-99,999	\$170	\$227	\$90
	\$60,000-74,999	\$142	\$189	\$72
	\$45,000-59,999	\$113	\$151	\$55
	\$30,000-44,999	\$85	\$113	\$36
	\$29,999 and under	\$57	\$76	\$18
	Wisconsin Resident	\$237	\$312	\$136

15 WEEKS	FAMILY INCOME	1.25-1.5HR CLASS	1.75-2HR CLASS	SIB CARE
	\$200,000 +	\$213	\$283	\$118
	\$100,000-199,000	\$186	\$248	\$101
	\$75,000-99,999	\$159	\$213	\$84
	\$60,000-74,999	\$133	\$177	\$67
	\$45,000-59,999	\$106	\$142	\$51
	\$30,000-44,999	\$80	\$106	\$34
	\$29,999 and under	\$53	\$71	\$17
	Wisconsin Resident	\$223	\$293	\$128

14 WEEKS	FAMILY INCOME	1.25-1.5HR CLASS	1.75-2HR CLASS	SIB CARE
	\$200,000 +	\$198	\$264	\$110
	\$100,000-199,000	\$174	\$231	\$94
	\$75,000-99,999	\$149	\$198	\$79
	\$60,000-74,999	\$124	\$165	\$63
	\$45,000-59,999	\$99	\$132	\$47
	\$30,000-44,999	\$74	\$99	\$31
	\$29,999 and under	\$50	\$66	\$16
	Wisconsin Resident	\$208	\$274	\$120

ECFE FRIENDS	FAMILY INCOME	MONTHLY	YEARLY	SIB CARE
	\$200,000 +	\$89	\$777	\$126
	\$100,000-199,000	\$66	\$595	\$107
	\$75,000-99,999	\$46	\$414	\$88
	\$60,000-74,999	\$39	\$351	\$69
	\$45,000-59,999	\$32	\$287	\$49
	\$30,000-44,999	\$26	\$234	\$30
	\$29,999 and under	\$19	\$170	\$11
	Wisconsin Resident	\$99	\$787	\$136

PARENT DISCUSSION BOOK SERIES	FAMILY INCOME	SIB CARE INCLUDED
	\$200,000 +	\$227
	\$100,000-199,000	\$198
	\$75,000-99,999	\$170
	\$60,000-74,999	\$142
	\$45,000-59,999	\$113
	\$30,000-44,999	\$85
	\$29,999 and under	\$57
	Wisconsin Resident	\$237

Families Learning Together

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
1:20-3:50 p.m. at Liberty Ridge Site II (LR2)



An ECFE Program for Multilingual/ Multicultural Families

Join us for:

- Parent discussion with other parents about child development, culture, American schools and more.
- Fun activities during parent and child interaction time.
- A preschool experience for children ages 2.5 to 5 years.

Child care is provided for enrolled families who have additional children ages birth to 2.5 years.

To register, please contact our Early Learning Office Coordinator at 651-425-7181 or kvanover@sowashco.org.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a public school family education program for all Minnesota families with children birth to age 8. ECFE provides a supportive environment for parents to build community connections with other parents as well as enhancing knowledge and skills related to parenting and children's development.

English: If you need an interpreter, please call Nicole Clymer: 651-425-7211

Español: Si necesita un intérprete, llame al Danilo McCarthy: 651-425-7209

中文 (简体): 如果您需要翻译, 请致电 Nicole Clymer: 651-425-7211

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PRESCHOOL

Preschool supports a child's social-emotional growth while also increasing skills in language, literacy and physical development for future success. Preschool offers a great environment where children can create important social connections with their peers. Families can enroll their children in classes with a parent/child day, a child-only experience, or a mixed ages classroom.

1. Highly Qualified and Caring Staff

All of our teachers have a four-year early childhood or related degree, as well as a license in early childhood education.

2. Curriculum and Assessment

Our academic curriculum is aligned to Minnesota State Standards and South Washington County Schools (SoWashCo Schools) curriculum, ensuring seamless transitions to kindergarten and beyond.

3. Four-Star Parent Aware

All of our preschool classes in SoWashCo Schools have been awarded four stars for quality by the Minnesota Parent Aware rating system. Find out more at www.parentaware.org

4. Your Child Will Experience The Joy Of Learning.

Learn more at sowashco.org/preschool



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING



**AGE 3
TIME TO
SCREEN**



Early childhood screening is required by the State of Minnesota for any child entering kindergarten in a public school and is provided free of charge. Screening is recommended at 3 years old and is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. If your child has not yet been screened and is between the ages of 3 and 4, please go to our website to schedule an appointment at: sowashco.org/screening. If you need assistance in scheduling an appointment, please contact our Early Learning Office at 651-425-7181 or 651-425-7160.

Please note: Early childhood developmental screening includes a vision screening that helps detect potential eye problems, but is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam.

Have questions on your child's development?

No two children develop, grow and learn in the same way or at the same pace. However, children do develop in certain predictable ways. To review developmental milestones, encourage healthy development and learn additional resources for your child, visit Help Me Grow at www.helpmegrowmn.org

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If you have questions about your child's development, or the milestones they are or are not achieving, please contact our office at 651-425-6121.

EARLY LEARNING ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Discover a wide-variety of classes, camps and activities for youth and adults. View class listings in our catalog at commed.sowashco.org/catalogs or register for adult and youth classes online at sowashco.ce.eleyo.com.



Gymnastics

We offer classes for girls and boys ages 18 months–18 years. Your child will achieve new milestones and prepare for more advanced challenges during each stage of growth. Classes are offered at Park, East Ridge and Woodbury high schools. For class descriptions, current schedules and registration deadlines visit commed.sowashco.org/gymnastics.

Questions? Contact Recreation and Facilities Coordinator, Darbie Johnson at 651-425-6611.

Create (Arts and Crafts)

Throughout the year SoWashCo Community Education offers a variety of arts and crafts classes with fun topics like dinos, favorite characters and messy adventures. To find out more about our current offerings and to register visit bit.ly/commedcreate.

Questions? Contact the Community Education office at 651-425-6600.



Athletics (Camps and Clinics)

SoWashCo Community Education offers athletic camps and clinics for ages 2 and up. Programs for younger children help them explore a sport, build basic skills through fun games and activities, and learn teamwork and good sportsmanship. To find out more about our current offerings and to register visit bit.ly/commedathletics.

Questions? Contact Youth Athletics Coordinator, Todd Fuestal at 651-425-6606.



South Washington County Schools

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8400 E. Point Douglas Rd. S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Register Online at sowashco.ce.eleyo.com

Important Dates

Fall Semester Begins: Sept. 14, 2026
Last Day of Semester: Jan. 22, 2027
Early Bird Registration Opens: Jun. 1, 2026

No Class Dates

Sept. 28 Workshop day, no school
Oct. 14 No ECFE programming
Oct. 15-16 MEA, no classes
Nov. 3 Election day, no school
Nov. 26-27 Holiday, no school
Dec. 4 Workshop day, no school
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Winter break, no school
Jan. 18 Holiday, no school
Jan. 22 Last day of ECFE 1st semester
Feb. 1 First day of ECFE 2nd semester

**Early Bird
Registration
OPENS JUNE 1**

Fall semester begins
the week of Sept. 14

Infant Class & Support

For more information scan the QR code or call or text our ECFE Parent/Infant Specialist at 651-529-0934. Scanning, texting or calling will connect you directly with our specialist and provide you with more information on parent consultations and infant offerings.



Read more on Page 4.

Learn about our upcoming Fall Programs and Events

Read more on Page 12.

