

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS INFORMATION GUIDE



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- Variety of extracurricular activities
- Special education services
- Supportive community



Osseo Area Schools

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Dream. Explore. Discover.

Osseo Area Schools delivers an exceptional educational experience to approximately 21,000 students, from early childhood through adulthood. Students thrive through outstanding opportunities, robust support and strong community partnerships that encourage lifelong learning.

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Explore your school options

1 Consider your needs

Check if schools offer the services you need and if bus transportation is available. Explore how schools and magnet programs transition from elementary to high school. Keep in mind, some schools are closed to open enrollment and in-district transfers.

2 Review your options

Visit **osseoschools.org/find-my-school** and enter your home address in the search bar to confirm your school zone and review your school options. *Note: Please look at the Future School Finder for fall 2026 assigned schools as attendance boundaries are changing.*

3 Visit your school choices

Learn more about the schools that interest you by setting up a school tour or visiting an open house. Visit your choice school's website or contact the school directly to schedule a school tour.

4 Start the enrollment process

Turn to page 12 for important application information and details on how to enroll.

Who should apply?

An enrollment packet is required if:

- Your child is new to Osseo Area Schools

An application (transfer or magnet) is required if:

- Your child is currently enrolled in Osseo Area Schools and requests a different school
- You want to enroll your child into a magnet school/program

Applications are typically not required for students who are:

- Continuing at their current school or magnet program to next grade level
- Currently enrolled residents in the Osseo Area Schools district boundaries who are entering sixth grade or ninth grade and are following their school's enrollment pathway

For more information visit osseoschools.org/enroll.



School bus transportation

Providing safe and reliable transportation so students arrive to school ready to learn and achieve their dreams.

Osseo Area Schools is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation for eligible students. The district offers reliable bus services for those who meet the distance requirements, ensuring students can easily travel to and from school.

Families can access important tools like bus stop locators and real-time tracking apps to stay informed about their child's transportation. Below are key points about the transportation services available for Osseo Area Schools' students.

- **Eligibility:** Elementary students are eligible for bus transportation if they live 0.8 miles or more from their attendance-area school. Middle and high school students are eligible if they live 1 mile or more from their attendance-area school. Use the "**Find My School**" tool to determine school assignment and transportation options.

- **Bus stops:** Specific pickup and drop-off times can be found using tools provided by the district, such as **ParentVUE** and the **FirstView bus tracking app**.

- **Bus tracking:** The FirstView app helps families monitor bus locations in real-time, which can ease concerns about bus schedules and ensure better communication during delays.

With clear eligibility guidelines and easy-to-use tools for tracking bus routes, families can navigate transportation smoothly. Whether determining eligibility or monitoring your child's bus, Osseo Area Schools ensures a simple and efficient process for all.

Transportation Office

763-391-7244
BusQuestions@district279.org

Office hours

School in session: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Non-student days: 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

Learn more

osseoschools.org/transportation

Early Childhood programs

Building a foundation for lifelong learning

The Early Childhood programs in Osseo Area Schools provides high quality, developmentally appropriate classes and opportunities for all young children and their families. Early Childhood staff are committed to providing safe and nurturing environments that promote the physical, social, emotional, artistic, sensory intellectual, and language development of each child—while being sensitive to the unique needs and preferences of families.

Learn more at osseoschools.org/early-childhood.









Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)
Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) helps set the foundation for a lifetime of learning. Most classes include time for children and families to grow and learn together, as well as time for children to engage in independent learning while parents/caregivers explore insights and resources from licensed educators.

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) provides opportunities for growth and support of children and their families. Children from birth to age five who meet eligibility criteria can receive special education services.

Preschool, PreK, Half-Day, Every Day Prekindergarten, Four Star Express and Blast Wrap Around Care
Osseo Area Schools offers fee-based preschool and both tuition-free and fee-based prekindergarten programs for children ages three to five. These early learning opportunities help students build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Early Childhood Screening
Early Childhood Screening is a free service for children ages three to five. It assesses development in areas like vision, hearing, communication, motor skills and social-emotional growth, helping to identify any needs early in their educational journey. This important step prepares children for a successful start in kindergarten.

Schedule a screening appointment online at
osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Elementary

Caring support to help your child thrive academically and socially

Osseo Area Schools' elementary programs provide a strong educational foundation through personalized learning and academic excellence. Schools offer services like special education and gifted programs, along with diverse extracurricular activities in sports, arts and clubs. A welcoming community values diversity and family involvement, fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all. **For more information visit osseoschools.org/elementary.**

Attendance area schools

Aspen Ridge Elementary School
18375 Arbor Ridge Pkwy N., Maple Grove, MN 55311

Basswood Elementary School
15425 Bass Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55311
763-494-3858 | bw.osseoschools.org

Cedar Island Elementary School
6777 Hemlock Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-425-5855 | ci.osseoschools.org

Edinbrook Elementary School
8925 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-493-4737 | eb.osseoschools.org

Elm Creek Elementary School
9830 Revere Ln. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-425-0577 | ec.osseoschools.org

Fair Oaks Elementary School
5600 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429
763-533-2246 | fo.osseoschools.org

Fernbrook Elementary School
9661 Fernbrook Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-420-8888 | fb.osseoschools.org

Garden City Elementary School
3501 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
763-561-9768 | gc.osseoschools.org

Oak View Elementary School
6710 E. Fish Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-425-1881 | oak.osseoschools.org

Palmer Lake Elementary School
7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park, MN 55429
763-561-1930 | pl.osseoschools.org

Park Brook Elementary School
7400 Hampshire Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
763-561-6870 | pb.osseoschools.org

Rice Lake Elementary School
13755 89th Ave. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-420-4220 | rl.osseoschools.org

Rush Creek Elementary School
18801 County Rd. 101, Maple Grove, MN 55311
763-494-4549 | rc.osseoschools.org

Woodland Elementary School
4501 Oak Grove Pkwy., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-315-6400 | wd.osseoschools.org

Visit your choice school's website to schedule a tour.

Magnet schools

Birch Grove School for the Arts
4690 Brookdale Dr., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-561-1374 | bg.osseoschools.org

Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School
15900 Weaver Lake Rd., Maple Grove, MN 55311
763-420-3337 | wvr.osseoschools.org

Zanewood Community: A STEAM School
7000 Zane Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429
763-561-9077 | zw.osseoschools.org

Before and after school care

Kidstop school age care (Kindergarten to fifth grade)



Kidstop School Age Care, offered by Osseo Area Schools' Community Education, provides a fun and supportive environment for kindergarten through fifth grade students before or after school and non-school day . The program features choice-based activities, allowing children to engage in a variety of educational and enriching options that match their interests.

Learn more at ce.osseoschools.org/kidstop.



Middle School

Personal and academic growth through active learning

Osseo Area Schools' middle schools offer a supportive environment focused on academic achievement and personal growth. Students are challenged through core subjects, honors courses and specialized services while exploring extracurriculars like music, arts and clubs. This helps them develop independence and leadership skills, preparing them for high school and beyond.

Learn more about middle school at osseoschools.org/middle-school.

Exploratory opportunities



Osseo Area Schools offers various exploratory opportunities for middle school students to discover their interests, talents and empower students to take ownership of their education and prepare them for future academic opportunities.

- **Elective courses:** Students can select electives in world languages, visual arts, music and technology, encouraging creativity and personal expression.
- **STEM explorations:** Courses in robotics, coding and engineering engage students in hands-on STEM activities that develop problem-solving skills.
- **Career exploration:** Programs introduce students to various professions, helping them understand potential career paths and necessary skills.
- **Creative arts:** Opportunities in theater, music and visual arts allow students to showcase their talents and build confidence.
- **Hands-on learning:** Experiential learning through projects and collaborative activities deepens understanding and fosters a love of learning.

Discover more at osseoschools.org/middle-school.

Attendance area schools

Maple Grove Middle School
17000 Hemlock Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-315-7600 | mgms.osseoschools.org

North View Middle School
5869 69th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429
763-585-7200 | nvms.osseoschools.org

Osseo Middle School
10223 93rd Ave. N, Osseo, MN 55369
763-391-8800 | oms.osseoschools.org

Magnet school

Brooklyn Middle STEAM School
7377 Noble Ave. N, Brooklyn Park MN, 55443
763-569-7700 | bms.osseoschools.org

Online school

279Online
763-391-8670 | 279online.com

**Visit your choice school's website to schedule a school tour.*

High School

Explore, grow and prepare for life after high school

Osseo Area Schools' high schools provide a balanced education focused on academics and personal growth. Students can take Advanced Placement (AP) and college preparatory courses and join extracurricular activities like sports, music, arts and clubs to develop teamwork and leadership skills. With access to advanced technology and resources, they are prepared for future educational and career success.

Discover all high school options at osseoschools.org/senior-high.



Attendance area schools

Maple Grove Senior High School
9800 Fernbrook Ln. N, Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-391-8700 | mgsh.osseoschools.org

Magnet schools/programs

Park Center Senior High School: An IB World School
7300 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
763-569-7600 | pcsh.osseoschools.org

Osseo Senior High School
317 5th St. NW, Osseo, MN,55369
763-391-8500 | osh.osseoschools.org

Alternative learning school

Osseo Area Learning Center
7300 Boone Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
763-391-8890 | oalc.osseoschools.org

Online school

279Online
763-391-8670 | 279online.com

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College and career readiness programs

Osseo Area Schools offers a variety of college and career readiness programs to prepare students with skills and experiences for future success.

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** College-level courses with potential to earn college credit.
- **Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO):** Eligible students can take college courses for both high school and college credit.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE):** Hands-on courses in high-demand fields like healthcare, IT and trades.
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** A rigorous academic program recognized by universities worldwide.
- **Career pathways and work-based learning:** Opportunities for internships, certifications and job experiences.
- **College and career counseling:** Personalized support for college applications, scholarships and career planning.

Learn more at osseoschools.org/senior-high.











Magnet schools and pathways

Osseo Area Schools offers specialized magnet programs, designed to ignite curiosity and cultivate talents from elementary through high school. Each magnet school provides a unique educational journey tailored to individual interests, ensuring students thrive as they explore their passions.

Elementary schools: Building a strong foundation

- **Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School**
  - Dive into the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) with hands-on experiences that spark inquiry and enhance problem-solving skills.
- **Birch Grove School for the Arts**
  - Unleash your creativity in an environment where artistic expression flourishes. Students enhance their academic skills while exploring the arts, making learning vibrant and engaging.
- **Zanewood Community: A STEAM School**
  - Embrace an integrated approach that combines science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Collaborative project-based learning equips students with essential twenty-first-century skills, preparing them for future success.

Middle school: Expanding horizons

- **Brooklyn Middle STEAM School**
  - Transition seamlessly into middle school, where the arts and STEM unite! Engage in innovative, collaborative projects that challenge students to solve real-world problems creatively.

High school: Preparing for the future

- **Osseo Senior High School: Health Science Magnet Program**
  - Explore healthcare careers with hands-on experiences that build foundational skills in health science, preparing students for future studies in the medical field.
- **Park Center Senior High School: An IB World School**
  - As students enter high school, they can join the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This rigorous academic coursework develops critical thinking and global awareness, equipping students for success in higher education and beyond.

Learn more at osseoschools.org/magnet-schools.

Career & Technical Education

Osseo Area Schools offers a strong Career and Technical Education (CTE) program that helps students gain important skills for various careers. With a focus on hands-on learning, students explore fields in business, health sciences, information technology and skilled trades. They participate in engaging classes, collaborate with local businesses and complete internships, earning college credits and certifications along the way. This program prepares students for jobs and builds skills for their future.

Discover more, visit osseoschools.org/career-technical-education.









Beyond the classroom

Osseo Area Schools is dedicated to giving every student a chance to succeed. With strong academics, engaging extracurricular activities and a welcoming community, the district's goal is to support all students and families as they learn and grow.

Academic excellence and support services

Strong academics and a variety of support services are available for every student, including counseling, special education and programs for gifted students. With high graduation rates, Osseo Area Schools is committed to preparing students for college and careers. Students also have access to extracurricular activities that foster skills beyond the classroom.

Extracurricular opportunities

A wide range of activities allows students to get involved outside of class, including sports, arts programs and clubs at every grade level. These activities encourage leadership, teamwork and personal growth, helping students explore their interests.

Diversity and community

Osseo Area Schools takes pride in its diverse and inclusive environment. Representing many cultures, each school ensures that every student feels welcome. Families and the community are encouraged to participate through cultural events and volunteer opportunities, building strong connections between home and school.

Osseo Area Schools is committed to helping students thrive both academically and personally. Families are invited to learn more about the programs available and discover how the district supports each child's education and future.

Student support services

Osseo Area Schools prioritizes the well-being and success of students. Dedicated staff teams collaborates to ensure that all students have access to the resources and support they need to achieve their academic and personal goals.

- **Counseling services:** School counselors provide academic, social and emotional support, guiding students through challenges and offering college and career advice.
- **Special education:** Our dedicated team tailors programs and resources to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities in an inclusive environment.
- **Mental health resources:** Access to mental health professionals is available to help students manage stress and emotional challenges.
- **Tutoring and academic support:** Students can benefit from tutoring, after-school programs and homework assistance to boost confidence and learning.
- **Family engagement:** Workshops, events and resources to help parents actively participate in their child's education.











Community Education

Osseo Area Schools' Community Education programs create opportunities that positively impact the entire community through innovative and responsive programs and services. **Learn more at ce.osseoschools.org**

Early Childhood & Family Education (EC&FE) programs
ECFE classes, Preschool and Pre-K programs, Early Childhood Screening and ECFE Visits support children from birth to age 5 and their parents and caregivers.
763-391-8777 | ce.osseoschools.org/ecfe | Register: osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Four Star Express and Blast Wrap Around Care
A full-day child care and school readiness program for children who are 4 years old by Sept. 1. Blast is available before or after prekindergarten class for students at Oak View Elementary School.
763-585-7281 | osseoschools.org/preschool | Register: osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Kidstop school age care program
Before and/or after school child care for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
763-585-7281 | ce.osseoschools.org/kidstop | Register: osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Youth Enrichment programs
After-school classes and activities in the arts, sports, technology, theater and more.
763-391-7242 | ce.osseoschools.org/youth/enrichment | Register: osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Adult Enrichment programs and Teen Driver's Education
Classes to learn new skills, explore hobbies and connect with others in the community.
763-391-7242 | ce.osseoschools.org/adult | Register: osseo.ce.eleyo.com

Target Services
Classes offer engaging, enrichment-based learning opportunities before and after school for qualifying students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Adult Basic Education
Free classes for adults to learn English, improve reading, writing and math skills, prepare for the GED exam or connect adults to career pathways training.
763-566-5452 | ce.osseoschools.org/abe | Register: bit.ly/ABEonlineregistration

Facility Rentals
Individuals, groups, non-profits and businesses can rent district facilities with a permit for meetings, banquets, performances, athletic events or other special occasions.
763-391-7123 | ce.osseoschools.org/facilities-rental

District 279 Foundation
Funds innovative projects and honors scholars and staff at the annual Investment in Youth Celebration. **763-391-7116 | district279foundation.org**



Building a Better Future

Investing in modern spaces for student success

Osseo Area Schools is committed to creating modern, safe and engaging spaces for students to thrive. Through the *Building a Better Future* initiative, the district is enhancing school facilities, updating technology and strengthening safety measures—all with the goal of supporting long-term student success.

Schools across the district will undergo exciting improvements, including:

- **New and updated learning spaces** like redesigned library media centers, outdoor classrooms and flexible learning areas that cater to collaborative, student-centered learning. These environments are designed to inspire creativity, critical thinking and engagement across all grade levels.
- **Flexible classrooms** that will provide adaptable layouts and modern furnishings, allowing teachers to customize their spaces to meet the diverse needs of students. These rooms are designed to support different learning styles, group work and project-based learning, creating a dynamic and interactive educational experience.
- **Enhanced security features** aimed at protecting students and staff.
- **Career and technical education (CTE)** upgrades providing students with access to state-of-the-art facilities and tools that align with industry standards. These upgrades will support a range of programs from engineering and robotics to health sciences and digital media, ensuring students graduate with practical skills for both college and career readiness.

All schools in the district will receive improvements. These construction projects will be completed in phases, with many exciting updates planned. **Learn more at osseoschools.org/betterfuture.**



Careers at Osseo Area Schools

Join the Osseo Area Schools team

Looking for a rewarding career where you can make a real impact? Osseo Area Schools offers a dynamic and inclusive workplace where educators and staff are empowered to inspire students, collaborate with dedicated professionals and grow personally and professionally. **Learn more about available positions and how you can make an impact at osseoschools.org/careers.**

Stay connected to Osseo Area Schools



Newsletter

The Connect is a weekly newsletter that keeps parents, caregivers and community members informed with important updates, key dates and school news.
Learn more at osseoschools.org/news.

Social Media

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Ready to enroll?

Important information for enrolling in Osseo Area Schools

1 Determine eligibility

Ensure your child meets the age requirements. Children entering kindergarten must be at least five years old on or before Sept. 1 of the enrollment year.

2 Find your school

Use the district's School Finder at **osseoschools.org/find-my-school** to see which school serves your address. Note, please look at the Future School Finder for fall 2026 assigned schools as attendance boundaries are changing. Families outside the district should contact the Enrollment Center for available space.

3 Submit an enrollment form

Complete the enrollment packet available at **osseoschools.org/enroll**. You can also fill out a paper form and submit it to the Enrollment Center, if preferred.

4 Provide required documents

Submit proof of your child's age (birth certificate or passport), immunization records, and proof of residency (such as a utility bill or lease agreement).

5 Magnet schools

For magnet schools, families enter a lottery process through the Northwest Suburban Integration School District at **nws.k12.mn.us**. Once the lottery closes, typically in mid-March, the Osseo Area Schools Enrollment Center can assist with placement and available space.

6 Visit the Enrollment Center

If you have questions or need assistance, the district's Enrollment Center is available to help. They can guide you through the process or answer any questions or concerns.

7 School assignment

Once your child's application is processed, the district will confirm their assigned school. Families applying for a magnet program will receive an additional notification regarding acceptance.

Five different ways to submit enrollment materials:

1. **Online**: osseoschools.org/enroll
2. **Email**: enrollmentcenter@district279.org
3. **Fax**: 763-585-7368
4. **Mail**: Enrollment Center:
   7051 Brooklyn Boulevard,
   Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
5. **In-person**: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

Important information for Magnet schools

For exact dates and more information about the lottery process, visit Northwest Suburban Integration School District's website, nws.k12.mn.us.

- **Online application:** The application portal opens in mid-October. Complete and submit an online application through **nws.k12.mn.us** to be included in the lottery for magnet school placement.
- **Priority application period:** The priority application period typically extends from mid-October to Dec. 17.
- **Second chance:** The application portal re-opens in January.
- **Sibling priority:** If your child has a sibling attending the magnet school of your choice during the same school year, an application must be submitted by the priority deadline to increase their chances of securing a seat.
- **Transportation:** Free transportation is available to and from all magnet schools if you live within the school districts of Anoka-Hennepin, Brooklyn Center, Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose, ISD728 (Elk River-Otsego-Rogers-Zimmerman), Fridley, Osseo or Rockford.

For more information and enrollment assistance, contact the Enrollment Center.
Email: EnrollmentCenter@district279.org
Phone: 763-585-7350
Website: osseoschools.org/enroll