District 196

Connections PRESCHOOL

2026 | 2027

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Application Process

Apply online at ce.district196.org/preschool

Applications received by **March 15, 2026** will have priority processing. Those families will be notified via email no later than April 3, 2026 whether their child has been placed in a preschool classroom OR if they have been placed on a waiting list. Due to space limitations, we cannot place all applicants.

Applications received after **March 15, 2026** will be reviewed if space becomes available throughout the 2026-2027 school year (September 2026 to June 2027).

Technical Support

If you need access to a computer or technical support to complete the online application, email connectionspreschool@district196.org or call 952-388-1977 for an appointment or phone assistance.

Interpreter Support

Para asistencia en español llame al 952-388-1977 y deje su nombre, número de teléfono, idioma y recibirá una llamada de un intérprete que lo asistirá.

Wixii caawimaad ah ee ku saabsan af-soomaaliga la xiriir 952-388-1977 oo ka tag magacaaga, lambarka taleefankaaga, luqadda waxaadna wici doontaa mutarjum ku caawin doona.

للحصول على مساعدة باللغة العربية ، اتصل بـ 952-388-1977 واترك اسمك ورقم هاتفك ولغتك وستتلقى مكالمة من مترجم فوري سيساعدك.

For assistance in all other languages, call 952-388-1977 and leave your name, phone number, language and you will receive a call from an interpreter who will assist you.

Classroom Placement

Families whose children have been placed in a class will receive an email from Connections Preschool to finalize their enrollment. This will include completing an online district enrollment and submitting required paperwork.

Questions?

Call 952-388-1977 or email connectionspreschool@district196.org
Visit our website at ce.district196.org/preschool for additional information.

Connections Preschool

Connections Preschool provides high-quality early learning experiences for 3- and 4-year-old children in District 196, facilitated by Minnesota licensed teachers and teaching assistants. We believe early childhood is a remarkable time of social, physical, emotional and cognitive development. Our goal is to support the development of children by nurturing their natural curiosity and eagerness to learn. Our *Connecting to Our World* for 4-year-olds and *Exploring Our World* for 3-year-olds curriculum consists of teacher-facilitated opportunities that allow children to explore the world around them. Children are encouraged to explore, notice, ask and answer questions, make discoveries and learn new concepts and skills through play-based social interactions with their friends and teachers. We understand parents/guardians are a child's first and most influential teachers and hope to partner with you to make this time of early learning a successful experience for you and your child.

Preschool Program Requirements and Information

✓ Families must live in District 196 boundaries: https://tinyurl.com/196schoolboundaries

✓ Children must meet age requirements as of September 1, 2026 for 3- and 4-year-olds, and November 1, 2026 for Preschool Discovery.

✓ Families must complete an online application at ce.district196.org/preschool.

✓ Concurrent enrollment in Connections Preschool and other state and/or district funded programs cannot be accommodated (ex. Head Start or Family School).

✓ Connections Preschool is a collaboration with our district's Early Childhood Special Education program.

Preschool Discovery

Parent/Guardian and Young Preschooler Experience

Age Requirement

Children must be 3 years old on November 1, 2026 and not yet 4 years old.

Location

Dakota Valley Learning Center,
4679 144th Street West, Apple Valley

Class Description

Are you looking for a first preschool experience for your child? This class combines an Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) class with preschool and meets twice per week. An early childhood teacher guides children with preschool experiences that meet their developmental needs and encourages their natural curiosity. Once a week on Mondays, parents/guardians participate in classroom activities and a parent discussion with a licensed parent educator, focused on the joys and challenges of raising a preschooler.

Preschoolers attend both Monday and Wednesday and **parents/guardians attend every Monday with their children.**

Preschool Discovery Sibling Care is available only on Mondays for children ages 9 weeks through prekindergarten for families attending Preschool Discovery with another child. Space is limited. Tuition is $70/month/child. The fee is non-refundable if a child is absent. Scholarships are not available for Preschool Discovery Sibling Care.

Age	Days	Time	Location	Cost per Month
3 years old on or before 11/1/26	M/W	1:00-3:15 p.m.	**Dakota Valley Learning Center** 4679 144th St W, Apple Valley **Monday-**Parents/guardians attend with their preschooler **Wednesday-**Preschooler only	$185

Preschool for 3-Year-Olds

Preschool is held September 2026 to May 2027

Age Requirement
Children must be 3 years old on or before September 1, 2026 and not yet 4 years old.

Location
Dakota Valley Learning Center, 4679 144th Street West, Apple Valley

Transportation
Parents/guardians must provide transportation to and from all 3-year-old preschool programs.

Age	Days	Time	Location	Cost per Month
3 years old on or before 9/1/26	M/W	1:00-3:00 p.m.	**Dakota Valley Learning Center** 4679 144th St W, Apple Valley	$150
	M/W	1:15-3:15 p.m.		
	T/TH	12:45-2:45 p.m.		
	T/TH	1:00-3:00 p.m.		
	T/TH	1:15-3:15 p.m.		

Age	Days	Time	Location	Cost per Month
3 years old on or before 9/1/26	M/T/TH	9:45-11:45 a.m.	**Dakota Valley Learning Center** 4679 144th St W, Apple Valley	$225
	M/T/TH	12:15-2:15 p.m.		

Preschool for 4-Year-Olds: Half Day

Preschool is held September 2026 to June 2027

Age Requirement
Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026 and not yet 5 years old.

Locations
Classes are offered in collaboration with 17 elementary schools within the district and the Cedar Valley Learning Center.

Transportation
Parents/guardians are welcome to transport their child to any of the preschool sites in place of busing.

The child's residence or childcare address **must** be in the elementary school attendance area to be eligible for bus transportation. To determine eligibility to receive bus transportation, please visit https://tinyurl.com/196schoolboundaries.
Families not eligible for busing must provide transportation to and from preschool.

- Children are picked up and dropped off at the closest bus stop to their home or childcare.
- Parents/guardians or known adults must be present for a 4-year-old to be picked up and dropped off at the bus stop.
- Children may be riding with elementary-aged students.

Oak Ridge Nature-Based Preschool
Full and Half-Day Options Available

Oak Ridge Elementary is a magnet school of Leadership, Environmental and Health Sciences. All preschool classrooms at Oak Ridge have an emphasis on nature and environmental based learning. Students at this site will engage with the traditional preschool curriculum and will spend large amounts of time learning about the natural world both outside and within the classroom. Students will be outside during all varieties of weather whenever safe.

Age	Days	Time	Location	Cost per Month
4 years old on or before 9/1/26	M-TH	12:55-3:25 p.m.	**Cedar Park Elementary (held at Cedar Valley Learning Center)** 14420 Glenda Drive, Apple Valley	$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Diamond Path Elementary** 14455 Diamond Path West, Apple Valley	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.	**East Lake Elementary (held at Shannon Park)** 13501 Shannon Parkway, Rosemount	$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Echo Park Elementary** 14100 County Road 11, Burnsville	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Emerald Trail Elementary** 13600 Ardroe Ave, Rosemount	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.	**Glacier Hills Elementary (held at Northview Elementary)** 965 Diffley Road, Eagan	$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Greenleaf Elementary** 13333 Galaxie Avenue, Apple Valley	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	T, W, Th	7:45-10:15 a.m.	**Highland Elementary** 14001 Pilot Knob Road, Apple Valley	$255
	T, W, Th	11:35 a.m.-2:05 p.m.		$255
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Northview Elementary** 965 Diffley Road, Eagan	$350
	M-F	9:30 a.m-12:00 p.m.	**Oak Ridge Elementary Nature-Based** 4350 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Eagan	$350
	M-Th	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Parkview Elementary** 6795 Gerdine Path, Rosemount	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Red Pine Elementary** 530 Red Pine Lane, Eagan	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Rosemount Elementary** 3155 143rd Street West, Rosemount	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Shannon Park Elementary** 13501 Shannon Parkway, Rosemount	$350
	M-F	7:45-10:15 a.m.	**Southview Elementary** 1025 Whitney Drive, Apple Valley	$350
	M-TH	11:35 a.m.-2:05 p.m.		$310
	M-F	9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Westview Elementary** 225 Garden View Drive, Apple Valley	$350
	M-TH	1:20-3:50 p.m.		$310

Preschool for 4-Year-Olds: Full Day

Age Requirement

Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026 and not yet 5 years old.

Class Description

Looking for a preschool program plus childcare? We offer full day options on a limited basis in the following schools: Echo Park, Northview, Oak Ridge, Parkview and Pinewood Elementaries. In this program, children will experience the Connections Preschool curriculum and skill development facilitated by a licensed early childhood teacher, lead childcare teacher and teaching assistant. In addition, breakfast, lunch and rest time are embedded throughout their day. This program is implemented in partnership with the Eagan YMCA.

Childcare

Extended day childcare for an additional fee is available Monday through Friday mornings at Echo Park, Northview, Oak Ridge, and Parkview and Friday afternoons at all full day sites. Details can be found below. This time is focused on extended opportunities and social interactions through play and facilitated by the classroom lead childcare teacher.

Transportation

Parents/guardians must provide transportation to preschool if enrolling in before school childcare.

See page 6 for additional transportation information.

Age	Days	Time	Location	Cost per Month
4 years old on or before 9/1/26	M-TH F	9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Echo Park Elementary** 14100 County Road 11, Burnsville	$850
	M-TH F	9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Northview Elementary** 965 Diffley Road, Eagan	
	M-TH F	9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Oak Ridge Elementary** 4350 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Eagan	
	M-TH F	9:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	**Parkview Elementary** 6795 Gerdine Path, Rosemount	
	M-TH F	7:45 a.m-2:05 p.m 7:45-10:15 a.m.	**Pinewood Community School** 4300 Dodd Road, Eagan	

Before School Childcare (EP, NV, OR, PV)		
Time	**Days**	**Cost per Month**
7:30-9:30 a.m.	M-F	$285

Afternoon Childcare (EP, NV, OR, PV)		
Time	**Day**	**Cost per Month**
12:00-3:50 p.m.	F	$160

Pinewood Childcare		
Time	**Days**	**Cost per Month**
10:15 a.m.-2:05 p.m.	F	$160

Family School
Parent and Preschooler Experience

Adults learn English and parenting skills while their children attend preschool. Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026. Siblings are welcome to attend if space allows. Classes meet at two locations in the district and are held from September 2026 to May 2027.

Dakota Valley Learning Center: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Cedar Valley Learning Center: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call 952-388-1980 for more information or to register for Family School.

Escuela de Familiar – para niños de 3 y / o 4 años y sus Padres

¡Adultos, aprendan con sus hijos! Aprenda inglés y habilidades de crianza mientras su hijo asiste al preescolar. Los niños deben de tener 3 o 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre de 2026. Los hermanos son bienvenidos si el espacio lo permite. Las clases serán ofrecidas en dos lugares y se llevarán a cabo desde septiembre 2026 hasta mayo 2027.

Centro de aprendizaje de Dakota Valley - 4 días L, M, M, J - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Centro de aprendizaje de Cedar Valley - 4 días L, M, M, J - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Inscríbase y obtenga mas información acerca de la Escuela de Familiar llamando al 952-388-1980.

Iskuulka Qoyska - loogu talagalay 3-iyo /ama 4-sano jirka iyo Waalidkood

Dadka waaweeynoow wax la barta ilmihiina! Baro Ingriisiga iyo sida loola dhaqmo ilmaha inta uu ilmahaagu xanaanada iskuulka ku jiro. Caruurtu waa inay yihiin 3 ama 4 Sebtambar 1-deeda, 2026. Caruurta yaryar ee walaalahood ah waa loo ogol yahay haday meeli banaan tahay. Fasalada waxaa lagu dhigayaa 2 meelood oo iskuulada ka mida waxaanay soconayaan Sebtambar 2026 ilaa Maajo 2027: Iskuuladuna waa.

Dakota Valley Learning Center – 4 bari oo ah Ismiinta, Talaadada, Arbacada iyo Khamiista 9:00 subaxnimo ilaa 12:00 duhurnimo

Cedar Valley Learning Center – 4 bari oo ah Ismiinta, Talaadada, Arbacada iyo Khamiista 9:00 subaxnimo ilaa 12:00 duhurnimo

Fadlan soo wac lambarkan 952-388-1980 hadii aad u baahan tahay macluumaad dheerad ah ama aad rabtid inaad is diiwaangalisaan.

Financial assistance and scholarships are available for families with identified needs. Families may submit a financial assistance/scholarship application once their child is placed in a class.

2026 - 2027 Connections Preschool
Monthly Tuition Sliding Fee Scale (per child)

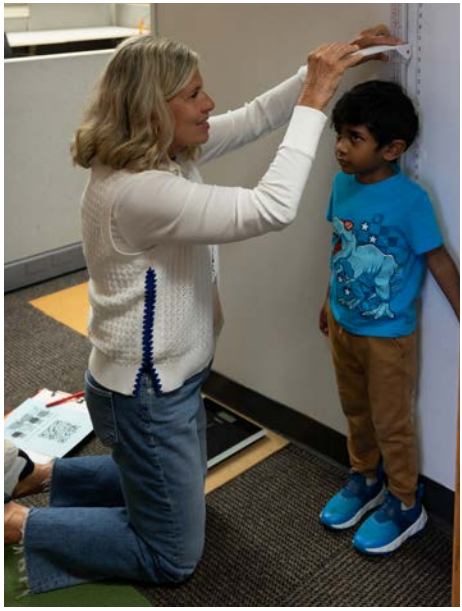
Family Size	Family Annual Gross Income Range			
2	$61,210+	$61,209 - $52,926	$52,925 - $46,023	$46,022 - $0
3	$75,612+	$75,611 - $65,379	$65,378 - $56,851	$56,850 - $0
4	$90,014+	$90,013 - $77,832	$77,831 - $67,680	$67,679 - $0
5	$104,417+	$104,416 - $90,285	$90,284 - $78,509	$78,508 - $0
6	$118,818+	$118,817 - $102,737	$102,736 - $89,337	$89,336 - $0
7	$121,519+	$121,518 - $105,073	$105,072 - $91,368	$91,367 - $0
8	$124,219+	$124,218 - $107,408	$107,407 - $93,398	$93,397 - $0
9	$126,919+	$126,918 - $109,742	$109,741 - $95,428	$95,427 - $0
Three-year-olds	**Full Tuition**	**Tuition Assistance A**	**Tuition Assistance B**	**Full Scholarship**
Two Days/Week	$150	$80	$35	$0
Three Days/Week	$225	$115	$50	$0
Preschool Discovery	$185	$95	$40	$0
Four-year-olds	**Full Tuition**	**Tuition Assistance A**	**Tuition Assistance B**	**Full Scholarship**
Three Days/Week	$255	$130	$55	$0
Four Days/Week	$310	$155	$65	$0
Five Days/Week	$350	$175	$75	$0
Five Days/Week-Full Day Monday - Thursday (a.m./p.m.) Friday (a.m.)	$850	$425	$170	$0
Five Days/Week-Full Day Before School Childcare Monday - Friday	$285	$145	$60	$0
One Day/Week-Full Day Afternoon Childcare Friday (p.m.)	$160	$85	$40	$0

The Full Scholarship income range aligns with the State Median Income and is vaild through October 2026. This sliding fee scale will be updated in October 2026 and posted on the Connections Preschool website: https://ce.district196.org/early-childhood/connections-preschool.

Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood screening is an opportunity for children and their parents/guardians to participate in a FREE health and development screening. State law requires screening for all children entering public kindergarten.

All 3- and 4-year-old children are required to complete screening within 90 calendar days after the first day of Connections Preschool. If your child will be 3 or 4 on September 1, 2026 and has not been screened, please schedule an appointment online at www.district196.org/screening.



Immunizations

Children's current immunization record, or a medical/conscientious exemption form, is required and must be provided prior to starting preschool.

Contact your child's clinic or the Dakota County Public Health Department at co.dakota.mn.us, or call 952-891-7500 to learn about immunization requirements and immunization resources.

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As required by Title IX and other state and federal nondiscrimination laws, District 196 does not discriminate in admission, employment or in any of its education programs and activities, including vocational opportunities, on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, creed, national origin, marital status, familial status, disability, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender identity, membership or activity in a local human rights commission, age or genetic information.

The Director of Human Resources, Joel Milteer (651-423-7859 -joel.milteer@district196.org) is the designated Title IX Coordinator and has also been designated to respond to all employment-related inquiries regarding the district's non-discrimination policies. The Director of Elementary Education, Jeremy Sorenson (651-423-7782 – jeremy.sorenson@district196.org) and the Director of Secondary Education, Eric Hansen (651-423-7712 – eric.hansen@district196.org) have been designated to respond to student-related inquiries regarding the district's non-discrimination policies. The Director of Special Education, Janet Fimmen (651-423-7629 – janet.fimmen@district196.org) has been designated to respond to inquiries concerning the rights of a student with a disability. The mailing address for all directors is 3455 153rd Street W, Rosemount, MN 55068. Inquiries about the application of Title IX and its regulations to District 196 may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR), or both. District 196's nondiscrimination policies and grievance procedures are located at district196.org and contain information about how to report discrimination and make a complaint.

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