





Welcome to KINDERGARTEN

2027 | 2028

EASTERN CARVER COUNTY SCHOOLS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2026 | Registration Opens

Registration opens for the 2027-2028 school year, online at **eccs.mn/enroll** or in person at the Welcome Center.

Fall 2026 | Kindergarten Previews

Learn more about the kindergarten experience, school choices, and visit with the elementary school principals, more information at **eccs.mn/kindergarten.**

Bluff Creek Elementary
November 9
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Carver Elementary
November 12
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Chanhassen Elementary
November 9
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Clover Ridge Elementary
November 13
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Jonathan Elementary
November 12
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Kinder Academy
November 17
6:00-7:00 p.m.

La Academia Spanish Immersion
November 17
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Victoria Elementary
November 9
6:00-7:00 p.m.

January 15, 2027 | Priority Enrollment Deadline

Registration due to ensure placement in Kinder Academy or La Academia. Enroll online at **eccs.mn/enroll** or in person.

April 2027 | Kindergarten Kickoff Events

Kindergarten Kickoff events for you and your child to visit the school; invites will be sent to enrolled families in the spring.

September 1, 2027 | First Day of School









In just a few months, we'll welcome your child into kindergarten. Kindergarten is when children meet friends, gain healthy independence, and learn fundamental lessons that they will carry throughout their lives. It is Eastern Carver County Schools' promise to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for your child. We know that your child comes to us with a unique set of talents and needs. We value those differences, and we're eager to make your child's kindergarten year an exciting and positive learning experience.

This booklet is full of information about our kindergarten options and registration information. Learn more about our kindergarten program, then register online at eccs.mn/kindergarten by January 15, 2027.

Please contact the ECCS Welcome Center with any questions.

(952)556-6112 or WelcomeCenter@district112.org







KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

Neighborhood Schools: Bluff Creek, Carver, Chanhassen, Clover Ridge, Jonathan, and Victoria Elementary Schools

Each neighborhood boundary school offers an outstanding kindergarten program carefully designed for young learners.

La Academia Spanish Immersion School

La Academia is a two-way, dual language Spanish Immersion school; this immersion model sets us apart from other school districts. A typical day looks very similar to other kindergarten classes, but the curriculum is taught in Spanish.

Kinder Academy Program for Young Learners

Parents and guardians frequently ask, "Is my child ready for kindergarten?" If your child meets the state age requirement - five years old on or before September 1 - the answer is "yes." Kinder Academy is designed for young five-year-olds, such as those with summer birthdays.

Kindergarten Curriculum

All of our kindergarten options develop children academically, socially, and emotionally. Students are introduced to reading skills, writing, problem-solving, and are provided personalized instruction and support as they progress. We have integrated S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) concepts into our rich curriculum, and technology is used in the classroom to enhance learning experiences for students.

Students also attend specialist classes for Physical Education, Music, Media, and Art.

Watch our short videos about the ECCS kindergarten program options using the QR code or at eccs.mn/kindergarten.









NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Bluff Creek Elementary
2300 Coulter Boulevard
Chanhassen

Clover Ridge Elementary
114000 Hundertmark Road
Chaska

Carver Elementary
1717 Ironwood Drive
Carver

Jonathan Elementary
110300 Pioneer Trail
West Chaska

Chanhassen Elementary
7600 Laredo Drive
Chanhassen

Victoria Elementary
9300 Red Fox Drive
Victoria

To determine your child's neighborhood school, visit the school finder using the QR code or visit **eccs.mn/attendance**.

Boundary Finder



KINDER ACADEMY

Kinder Academy is a full-day kindergarten option for young five-year-olds, such as those with summer birthdays. The program follows ECCS kindergarten curriculum. Students ready to move on to first grade after one year will do so. Students who would benefit from an additional year of kindergarten will stay in the program. The teacher will modify the curriculum for the older children's developmental level. This program is housed at La Academia and is not an early entrance option. Transportation is provided to Kinder Academy students who live in the ECCS district.

The priority deadline for Kinder Academy is January 15, 2027. Enrollments completed after the deadline will be accepted if space is still available.

Kinder Academy
1800 North Chestnut Street
Chaska











LA ACADEMIA SPANISH IMMERSION

In our two-way immersion program, students have the opportunity to be both first-language models and second-language learners with native English and Spanish speakers beginning in kindergarten.

A typical day in La Academia looks very similar to a traditional classroom. Students work toward the same academic standards, attend specialist classes, and go to lunch and recess. Teachers in dual language immersion may be especially animated as they use unique methods and strategies to help students learn a new language; this includes many gestures, pantomimes, songs, props, and other instructional tools. Transportation is provided to La Academia students that live within our district boundaries.

The priority deadline for La Academia is January 15, 2027. Enrollments completed after the deadline will be accepted if space is still available.

La Academia
1800 North Chestnut Street
Chaska

Watch our short video about the ECCS immersion program using the QR code or at eccs.mn/immersion.

ECCS AT A GLANCE

Preparing Students for the Road Ahead

We serve the areas of Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, and Victoria, and we succeed as one community. We have made the commitment to offering personalized, rigorous academic and extensive extracurricular programming delivered by highly-trained staff.

We promote a welcoming, inclusive, and equitable culture where everyone has the opportunities and supports needed to be successful.

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Communities Served: Carver, Chaska, Chanhassen, and Victoria

8900
K-12 students served

7
Elementary schools

2x
The extracurricular opportunities for students in our smaller high schools



THE ECCS DIFFERENCE

Families choose Eastern Carver County Schools for a variety of reasons. Maybe it's the intentionality with which our communities built and supported a district of smaller schools – including two traditional high schools – that allows for more opportunities for students and closer relationships between staff and students. Maybe it's the layers of support embedded in our schools, with specialists that allow for robust fine arts and music programs and media centers that are more than just places to check out books, strengths in our district many of our neighbors don't enjoy. Whatever it is – the Eastern Carver County Schools difference is one we're proud of.

> My child feels the safest she is in school. She loves going to school.

> We are so grateful to the school staff for caring so much for our child.

> Teachers and staff are very proactive in solving issues and we feel thankful to be in this school!

> I am beyond impressed by the support the school gives. Every student is a priority and a part of a community.

Watch our series of short videos highlighting stories of the ECCS Difference that our students, parents, and community members have experienced using the QR code or visit **eccs.mn/eccsdifference**.







NEED TO KNOW

Required Early Childhood Screening
The State of Minnesota requires that students entering kindergarten complete an Early Childhood Screening prior to the start of school. The screening is free to Eastern Carver County Schools residents.

If your child has not yet been screened, please schedule an appointment as soon as possible online at eccs.mn/screening or call (952)556-6402.

Before & After School Child Care
Club Care is an optional, fee-based, before- and after-school child care program in each elementary school. The program is in high demand due to its excellent quality, convenience, and competitive fees. Enrollment in Club Care is not guaranteed, and each school has a limited enrollment capacity. Students must be registered in kindergarten prior to registering for Club Care. Registration for Club Care is scheduled to open in early April. Learn more at **eccs.mn/clubcare**.

Bus Transportation
Transportation is provided to school free of charge to those who live in the district boundaries unless you live close enough to be in the walk zone. Kindergarteners are assigned to neighborhood bus stops with student safety as a priority. We greet them as they get off the bus at school, and at the end of the day, we escort them back to the bus.

Required Immunizations
Your kindergartener must be up-to-date on all immunizations before starting school. Kindergarten boosters are required after the age of 4. The immunization record, even if partially complete, should be submitted with your registration. Laws allow for the exemption of these vaccines for medical or conscientious beliefs with notarization.

Health Services
All schools are staffed with a registered nurse all day. Our health services staff will work with you to accommodate your child's health needs. Please complete and return the health form (**eccs.mn/healthform**) with the registration forms. This information helps us to prepare for all health needs.









ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

- [ ] **Student Enrollment Priority Deadline January 15**
  Enroll at eccs.mn/enroll or visit the Welcome Center to complete the registration forms (11 Peavey Road, Chaska).
  - [ ] Proof of Age: A copy of your child's birth certificate, passport, or other document with legal name and birthdate
  - [ ] Immunization Record: Complete the online form or provide a copy of your child's immunization record
  - [ ] Proof of Residency: A current utility bill, signed rental agreement, or signed purchase agreement
- [ ] **Early Childhood Screening**
  If your child has not been screened, schedule an appointment as soon as possible online at eccs.mn/screening or call (952)556-6407.
- [ ] **Student Health Form**
  Complete the health form (eccs.mn/healthform) with your registration. This information is shared with school nurses to help us to prepare for and accommodate any health needs.

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It's time to enroll in kindergarten!

Learn More
eccs.mn/kindergarten

Online Enrollment
eccs.mn/enroll

Welcome Center
11 Peavey Road
Chaska, MN 55318