



FREE HALF-DAY PRE-KINDERGARTEN

2019-2020

APPLY TODAY!

Apply now for free half-day pre-kindergarten at:

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts

Crest View Elementary

Edinbrook Elementary

Fair Oaks Elementary

Garden City Elementary

Palmer Lake Elementary

Park Brook Elementary

Zanewood Community School

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM)

Para hablar con alguien en español sobre el programa gratuito de pre-kinder, por favor contacte a Jorge Brenes al correo electrónico BrenesJ@district279.org o llame al teléfono 763-549-2444.

Xav nrog ib tug neeg tham ua lus Hmoob txog qhov kev pab cuam dawb pre-kindergarten, thov xa email mus rau ntawm Kou Vang tus email VangK@district279.org los si hu xov tooj rau nws ntawm tus xov tooj 763.391.8627.

Để nói chuyện với người Việt Nam về chương trình mầm non miễn phí, xin liên lạc với cô Luann Bui tại BuiL@district279.org hoặc gọi số điện thoại: 763.391.8830.

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Free Half-Day Every Day Pre-Kindergarten

Our free, half-day pre-kindergarten program for 4- and 5-year-olds meets every school day. It features hands-on learning opportunities and a thoughtful, developmentally appropriate curriculum that will prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Small class sizes mean your child will receive personal attention from our highly trained and caring teaching staff. Free transportation is also available to eligible students who live 0.8 mile or more from their school.

This free pre-kindergarten program is made possible by special funding from the state, which recognizes the established link between early learning opportunities and student achievement.

The free pre-kindergarten program is available at these schools:

Birch Grove	Edinbrook	Garden City	Park Brook
Crest View	Fair Oaks	Palmer Lake	Zanewood-STEAM



What to expect in pre-kindergarten

While there is some variation among schools, a typical day in pre-kindergarten may include:

- Morning meeting/afternoon welcome
- Story time
- Breakfast (morning session)
- Choice time and small group work
- Physical activities
- Group activities
- School library and computer lab visits
- Snack (afternoon session)



What will my child learn in pre-kindergarten?

Our pre-kindergarten curriculum will prepare your child for success in kindergarten and beyond. Below are some examples of what your child will learn in pre-kindergarten:

Personal & Social Development

- Express ideas, feelings and needs
- Demonstrate self-control skills
- Use words and other strategies to resolve conflicts

Math

- Count objects
- Duplicate a simple pattern

Language & Literacy

- Connect letters with sounds
- Predict what will happen in a story and talk or draw about it
- Recognize rhyming words

Science

- Ask questions and seek answers through active exploration

Physical Education

- Move body with coordination
- Demonstrate small motor control and coordination

APPLICATION DEADLINES & LOTTERY PROCESS

Apply by December 31

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts (separate magnet school application)

Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts is a magnet school with separate application deadlines.

Apply to Birch Grove by the first lottery deadline of December 31, 2018. The online application is available at www.nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.

For more information and/or assistance with the magnet school application, contact Northwest Suburban Integration School District at 763-450-1303.

Note: Pre-kindergartners with older siblings currently attending Birch Grove must complete a magnet school application; **pre-kindergartners are not automatically enrolled based on an older sibling's enrollment.**

About Birch Grove

At Birch Grove, core curriculum in grades K-5 is integrated with music, dance, drama and visual arts for daily classroom instruction. Arts-rich electives and arts troupes provide additional opportunities for students to “learn through our passion for the arts!”

Apply by January 15

Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Palmer Lake, Park Brook, Zanewood

If applications exceed available spaces, lotteries will be used.

What is the lottery process?

Be sure to submit your child's application by January 15 to be considered in the first lottery. After each lottery, applications not yet selected will be included in subsequent lotteries or placed on a waitlist. The date of application plus the preferences outlined below will determine placement priority for applications on the waitlist.

Note: Students who live within the attendance area of the school offering the free pre-kindergarten program have the highest priority for enrollment.

After September 10, 2019, applications are considered on a space-available basis for:

- Students living in the attendance areas of other schools offering the free pre-kindergarten program; and
- Students assigned to other elementary schools in the district or who live outside the school district.

For all applications, additional preferences are given in the following order:

1. Sibling — if the student's sibling already attends the requested school.
2. Childcare — if the student's childcare is in the attendance area of the requested elementary school.
3. Employee — if the student's parent/legal guardian is employed by the district.

Priority/preference does not guarantee that students will be accepted to their attendance area school. Space is limited.



Free Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten Locations

Birch Grove Elementary

School for the Arts

4690 Brookdale Dr., Brooklyn Park

763-561-1374

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Dr. Ronald Salazar, Principal

Crest View Elementary

8200 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-5165

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Shawn Stibbins, Principal

Edinbrook Elementary

8925 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-493-4737

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Aaron Krueger, Principal

Garden City Elementary

3501 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Center

763-561-9768

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

David Branch, Principal

Fair Oaks Elementary

5600 65th Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-533-2246

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Phil Sadler, Principal

Palmer Lake Elementary

7300 W. Palmer Lake Dr., Brooklyn Park

763-561-1930

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Billy Chan, Principal

Park Brook Elementary

7400 Hampshire Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-6870

Morning session: 8:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Afternoon session: 12:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Scott Taylor, Principal

Zanewood Community School-STEAM

7000 Zane Ave. N, Brooklyn Park

763-561-9077

Morning session: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Adrain Pendelton, Principal

Enrollment Center

7051 Brooklyn Boulevard
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

763-585-7350

Hours: M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

www.district279.org/enrollment

Important Dates



Apply now! Questions? Call **763-585-7350** or email enrollmentcenter@district279.org.

December 31, 2018

First lottery deadline for Birch Grove

If you wish to enroll your child at Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts, apply by Dec. 31 in order to be considered in the first lottery. Apply at www.nws.k12.mn.us/magnet-lottery.html.

Winter 2019

Schedule Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is available at no cost to all children ages three through five. Screening includes a check of vision, hearing, and developmental progress; a review of immunizations* and family information; and an individual consultation with parents regarding the child's progress and any identified needs. Please call 763-391-8776 to set up your screening appointment, or schedule the appointment online at www.district279.org/screeningapt.

January 15, 2019

First lottery deadline for Crest View, Edinbrook, Fair Oaks, Garden City, Park Brook, Palmer Lake and Zanewood

Apply by Jan. 15 to be considered in the first lottery for the above schools. Turn in your completed application during regular office hours at any of the above elementary schools, or bring/mail it to the Enrollment Center, 7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN, 55429.

March 8, 2019

Second lottery deadline

May 3, 2019

Third lottery deadline

Summer 2019

Update your child's immunizations

State law requires written proof that pre-kindergartners have been immunized against the following (or have an exemption*): hepatitis A and B; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP/DT); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; pneumonia; varicella (chicken pox); and Hib. If you have questions about these immunizations or the free immunization clinic, please call 763-585-7350.

Watch for information about transportation and open house!

Spend the summer reading to your child and preparing for your child's exciting first day of school! Transportation information will be mailed to enrolled families the last week of August.

**Legal exemptions regarding immunizations are allowed for medical reasons and conscientiously held beliefs.*

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