

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST

We're ready to help you with any enrollment questions. Call us at 763-585-7350!

OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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FALL 2016

ATTEND THE OCTOBER 15 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION FAIR

Learn about all-day kindergarten in Osseo Area Schools and enjoy activities for the whole family. (See page 2.)

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

Get to know us by attending school events and/or by calling to ask questions or request a school tour (see contact information on page 7).

WINTER 2017

COMPLETE AND RETURN ENROLLMENT MATERIALS

Download enrollment forms at www.district279.org, or complete the forms you'll receive in the mail in December. Turn in your completed forms during regular office hours at any of our 17 elementary schools or the Enrollment Center, located at 7051 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center. The Enrollment Center offers a one-stop shop for enrollment, with an on-site immunization clinic and other services available.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Intra-district transfers and non-resident students need to apply by January 15 to enter the first school choice lottery. Visit the enrollment section at www.district279.org for more information.

SCHEDULE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Early Childhood Screening is required for entrance to kindergarten and 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 schedule your appointment as soon as possible.

SPRING 2017

ATTEND KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

(dates subject to change)

Basswood	Tuesday, March 21	5-6:30 p.m.
Birch Grove	Tuesday, March 21	6-7 p.m.
Cedar Island	Wednesday, March 22	5:30-6:45 p.m.
Crest View	Thursday, March 23	5-6 p.m.
Edinbrook	Thursday, March 9	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Elm Creek	Tuesday, March 21	5-6 p.m.
Fair Oaks	Wednesday, March 8	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Fernbrook	Tuesday, March 14	5-6:30 p.m.
Garden City	Tuesday, March 14	4:30-6 p.m.
Oak View	Tuesday, March 14	5-6:30 p.m.
Palmer Lake	Tuesday, March 21	6-7:15 p.m.
Park Brook	Wednesday, March 22	6-7 p.m.
Rice Lake	Thursday, March 16	5-6:30 p.m.
Rush Creek	Thursday, March 16	5-6:30 p.m.
Weaver Lake	Tuesday, March 14	6-7 p.m.
Woodland	Tuesday, March 21	5:30 p.m.
Zanewood	Wednesday, March 22	4:30-6 p.m.

SPRING/SUMMER 2017

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS

State law requires written proof that kindergartners have been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); polio; varicella (chicken pox); and hepatitis B. If you have questions about these immunizations or the free immunization clinic, please call our Enrollment Center at 763-585-7350.

AUGUST 2017

WATCH FOR YOUR CHILD'S OPEN HOUSE INVITATION AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Transportation is provided to elementary students who live 0.8 mile or more from school; your child's specific busing information will be mailed in late August. Spend your summer reading to your child, practicing readiness skills, and preparing for your child's exciting first day of school!

MAGNET SCHOOLS

(specialty theme schools)

Our national award-winning magnet schools allow students to deepen their learning in special focus areas.

Elementary magnet schools are Birch Grove Elementary School for the Arts and Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology School. Both schools offer kindergarten. When they advance to middle school, students can continue with a STEAM (STEM plus Arts) magnet focus or enter the International Baccalaureate program.

Within district guidelines, transportation is provided at no cost to magnet school students who enroll through the Northwest Suburban Integration School District.

At **Birch Grove School for the Arts**, core curriculum 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!”

At **Weaver Lake Elementary: A Science, Math & Technology (STEM) School**, learning takes place as students inquire about the world around them. Students who discover answers and solve challenges through reading, research, and investigation become lifelong learners.

APPLYING TO MAGNET SCHOOLS

Submit your completed magnet school application by the **priority deadline of December 31, 2016**. Applications may be submitted online at www.nws.k12.mn.us starting October 15. For help with the application, please call 763-585-7350. After December 31, applications will be accepted on a space-available basis.

IMPORTANT NOTE: SIBLINGS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN MAGNET SCHOOLS.

Kindergarteners with siblings currently attending a magnet school must complete a magnet school application.

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ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Our all-day kindergarten program allows students to strengthen their academic and social skills prior to entering first grade.

Our staff is experienced in helping young children adjust to a full day of learning, but occasionally there are developmental or personal reasons why a full day of school may not be appropriate for an individual student. Please contact your school's principal to discuss your student's needs.

For more information visit:
www.district279.org/kindergarten

While there will be some variation in activities among schools, a typical day looks like this:

- Morning meeting/welcome
- Integrated learning in science, social studies, health, art
- Snack/restroom break
- Math
- Music or physical education
- Lunch/recess
- Quiet time
- Writing
- Reading/language arts
- Self-directed choice time
- Prepare for dismissal