



White Bear Lake Area Schools



2014-2015 Registration Guide
White Bear Lake Area Preschool
"Where Bears Begin"
(formerly Play & Learn Preschool)

Four-Star Rated
 Parent Aware Program - Proudly Using
 Best Practices for Preparing Children
 for Kindergarten



Program Information



WELCOME

White Bear Lake Area Preschool Program

A Place to Learn, Grow, and Prepare for Kindergarten

White Bear Lake Area Preschool provides a safe and nurturing environment for a child's first school experience away from home.

Age appropriate activities provide a variety of meaningful "hands-on" learning experiences in the areas of reading and math readiness, science and social studies, art and sensory, music, and dramatic play.

This positive preschool experience allows children to make a successful transition to kindergarten.

White Bear Lake Area Preschool practices are aligned with the White Bear Lake Area School District kindergarten expectations.

Bienvenidos! Un lugar para Aprender, Crecer y Prepararnos para Kindergarten

La escuela Preescolar de White Bear Lake Area Preschool provee un ambiente seguro y maternal para la primera experiencia de de los estudiantes fuera de su hogar. Las actividades adecuadas a la edad, dan a los niños la experiencia de tener aprendizajes significativos en las áreas de preparación para matemáticas, lectura, ciencias naturales y sociales, arte, música, juego dramático, educación física, lenguaje y articulación. Esta experiencia de preescolar positiva permite que los niños puedan tener una transición para Kindergarten exitosa.

Ib Qhov Chaw Kawm, Txhawb nqa, Thiab Pab Rau Qib Kindergarten

White Bear Lake Area Preschool muaj txoj kev nyab xeeb thiab txhawb nqa pab rau menyuam txoj kev kawm rau lub sij hawm thaum menyuam tsis nyob hauv vaj hauv tsev.

Muaj yam qhia raws li tus menyuam hnuv nyoog thiaj pab kawm yam paub nyob raws li nyeem ntawv thiab ua lej, science thiab social studies, kos duab thiab yam pom thiab saib tau, suab paj nruag, ua yeeb yam, dhia ua si, suab lus thiab kev siv lus. Kev kawm preschool muab thiab txhawb nqa menyuam txoj kev kawm kom menyuam kawm ntawv keej thaum mus kawm qib kindergarten.

White Bear Lake Area Preschool txoj kev qhia ntawv yog muaj raws li lub tuam ntawv White Bear Lake Area School District cov ntaub ntawv kawm nyob qib kindergarten.

Early Childhood Screening

Screen at Three

Early Childhood Screening is required by the state of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten. White Bear Lake Area School District provides this screening at no charge.

3 reasons to screen at age 3

- ◆ Screening can ensure school success
- ◆ If health or developmental concerns are identified, educational services are available immediately
- ◆ It is fun for children and provides caregivers with valuable information regarding child development

Register on-line at www.wblearlychildhoodregistration.org or call 651-653-3154 with your child's name, date of birth, your name, and phone number.

Early Childhood Screenings are held at Normandy Park Education Center, 2482 County Road F East, White Bear Lake, MN.

Program Information

White Bear Lake Area Preschool

White Bear Lake Area Preschool offers a warm, fun learning environment with school-year long classes. The program includes:

- ◆ Licensed teachers and trained assistants in every classroom
- ◆ Low child/teacher ratio
- ◆ Ongoing assessment using *Teaching Strategies Gold* to measure students growth in all areas of early childhood development
- ◆ On-site specialists to meet individual needs
- ◆ *Creative Curriculum* used in all classes
- ◆ Outdoor play areas and gyms designed and equipped especially for young children

Preschool Sites

Hugo Elementary - HU

14895 Francesca Avenue, Hugo

Open House: Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 1:30-2:30 pm

Normandy Park Education Center - NP

2482 County Road F East, White Bear Lake

Open House: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - 9:30-10:30 am & 6-7 pm

Tamarack Nature Center - TAM

5287 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township

Open House: Thursday, January 16, 2014 - 10-11 am

Early Childhood Special Education

Special Education Services are provided free of charge to children birth to age five. Children younger than three are generally seen at home by teachers and specialists. Services for children 3-5 years old may include:

- ◆ Integrated classroom opportunities
- ◆ Speech/Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy
- ◆ Home visits/community resource information
- ◆ Multi-disciplinary educational assessments

Call 651-653-3100 for more information.

Contact Information

Programs, Registration, Events & Class Openings

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Welcome to Preschool

Nature Preschool For 3-5 year olds

The program at Tamarack Nature Center revolves around nature - learning from it, about it and within it. Classes also include the development of pre-reading, writing, math, science, music and art skills with daily outdoor experiences. Children are immersed in rich activities that help them make meaningful connections to their classmates, teachers and the plants and animals that share their world. A Tamarack Naturalist is an integral and collaborative member of the teaching team.

Hoppers - 3 year olds (Age 3 by Sept 1, 2014)

4502.503 T/TH 9-11:30 am Tam

Jumpers - 3 & 4 year olds (Age 3 or 4 as of Sept 1, 2014)

4502.545 T/TH 1-3:30 pm Tam

Bounders - 4 years & older (Age 4 by Sept 1, 2014)

4502.507 M/W/F 1-3:30 pm Tam

Tamarack Nature Center

5287 Otter Lake Road
White Bear Township

Tamarack has an outdoor Nature Play Area and Discovery Garden with daily nature exploration activities.

Community Education

Watch for more family and preschool class in the White Bear Lake Area Schools Community Services and Recreation brochure mailed to homes in late December.

Preschool 2-3 year olds

An introduction to preschool, where children will become more comfortable and confident in a classroom setting, learn to follow rules, routines and directions, begin to initiate social interactions and become an integral part of a group. Activities and daily schedules are developed with our youngest preschoolers in mind.

Age 2 or 3 by Sept 1, 2014

4502.241 T/Th 9-11 am NP

T is parent/child day, TH is child only

Fee scale for 4502.241 only

<i>Income</i>	<i>Class Fee</i>
\$0-29,999	\$777
\$30-49,999	\$832
\$50-69,999	\$906
\$70-89,999	\$1016
\$90,000+	\$1098

Age 2½ or 3½ by Sept 1, 2014

4504.342 T/TH 8:30-11 am NP

Let's Be Friends 3-4 year olds

This preschool opportunity will allow children time to practice social skills as they begin to interact, cooperate, and develop their first friendships. Classroom activities will include a focus on turn-taking, sharing, playing games, pretend play, and small group learning.

Age 3 by Sept 1, 2014

4502.301 T/Th 8:30-11 am NP
4502.302 M/W 9:15-11:45 am HU
4502.303 T/Th 9:15-11:45 am HU
4505.342 T/W/Th 8:30-11 am NP
4502.343 T/Th 12:30-3 pm NP
4502-407 F 9:15-11:45 am HU

Age 3½ by Sept 1, 2014

4502.344 Tue 5:30-7:45 pm NP

Kindergarten Here We Come

4-5 year olds

Classes are focused on helping children become independent learners and giving them the skills necessary to be successful in kindergarten. Curriculum is designed to address all areas of development and reinforce mastery of skills required for kindergarten readiness.

Age 4 by Sept 1, 2014

4506.342 T/W/Th 8:30-11 am NP
4502.400 T/W/Th 12:30-3 pm NP
4502.402 T/Th 12:30-3 pm NP
4502.403 M/W/F 12:55-3:25 pm HU
4502.404 M-Th 12:55-3:25 pm HU
4502.405 M/W/F 9:15-11:45 am HU
4502.406 M-Th 12:30-3 pm NP

Spanish Exposure Preschool

For 3½-5 year olds

Exposing young children to Spanish is the perfect time to foster curiosity about a new language. Children will participate in activities consistent with a traditional preschool classroom while gaining knowledge and Spanish vocabulary through songs, stories, and games.

Age 3½ by Sept 1 2014

4531.001 M/W 8:30-11 am NP



Welcome to Preschool

Register for the 2014-2015 School Year

Register now for 1-4 day preschool at one of our three sites!

White Bear Lake Area Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2014-15 school year. This brochure and registration form are available online at www.wblearlychildhoodregistration.org.

Current Play & Learn Preschool and ECFE Families

Families with children participating in 2013-14 classes as of December 31, 2013, have priority **preschool registration** until Friday, January 17. Families will be notified if they do not receive their first class option. If your first class choice is full, your child will be placed in their second or third class option and placed on a waiting list for the first class preference.

New Families

Families not currently attending Play & Learn Preschool or ECFE classes may register beginning on Thursday, January 23. If your first class choice is full, your child will be placed in their second or third class option and be placed on a waiting list for the first class preference.

Registration

Registrations will be accepted online, in-person or by U.S. Mail.

Registrations MUST include the following 3 items or your enrollment will not be accepted

- ◆ A non-refundable \$50 registration fee
- ◆ Copy of birth certificate (new families only)
- ◆ Current immunization record (fax to 651-653-3155)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Melquist, Early Childhood Supervisor, 651-653-3101, nancy.melquist@isd624.org, or Marie Wilhelmy, 651-653-3100, marie.wilhelmy@isd624.org

Class Fees

Fees are based on the number of class days. Fee assistance is available to qualifying families.

School Readiness

Your child may qualify for tuition assistance and/or transportation assistance based on the following eligibility requirements which include:

- ◆ Income
- ◆ Preschool experience
- ◆ Home first language
- ◆ Health and development

School Readiness tuition assistance forms are available in the Normandy Park Early Childhood Office. Call 651-653-3100 for more information.



Tuition Assistance NEW! State Early Learning Scholarship

To be eligible for a scholarship, families must

- ◆ live in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington counties
- ◆ have a child(ren) who is 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the current school year and not yet eligible for kindergarten
- ◆ have an annual income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty

Family Size	185% of FPG
2	\$28,694
3	\$36,131
4	\$43,568
5	\$51,005

Applications are available at the Normandy Park office. More details are available at: http://www.thinksmall.org/for_parents_and_guardians/help_paying_for_child_care

If you have questions, please contact Think Small at 651-641-6604 or 855-898-4465 or email scholarships@thinksmall.org

For scholarship information available in other languages, call 651-665-0150 or 1-866-807-6021

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En el área metropolitana, llame al: 651-665-0150

Magaalada gudahed wac: 651-665-0150

Preschool Registration

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Register online at: www.wblearlychildhoodregistration.org
Normandy Park Education Center, 2482 County Rd F East, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 T: 651-653-3100 Fax: 651-653-3155

Registrations will not be processed without payment, a copy of your child’s birth certificate, and immunization record.

Child’s Full Legal Name _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Guardian _____ Guardian _____
Address _____ Address _____
Home _____ Cell _____ Home _____ Cell _____
E-mail _____ E-mail _____
Primary Language Spoken in the Home: _____
Ethnicity (please select one): _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Hispanic _____ Black _____ White _____ American Indian

In the event the class you want is full, please list your 1st, 2nd & 3rd class choices:

	Class/Event Tittle	Class #	Day/Time	Location	Age as of 9/1/14	Fee
	Application Fee - must pay at time of enrollment					\$50.00
1 st						
2 nd						
3 rd						
	TOTAL COST					

Payment Plan: _____ 1 payment _____ 2 payments _____ 9 payments _____ Other : # payments _____

Charge to my: VISA MasterCard

Name as listed on credit card _____
Card # _____ Exp Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Preschool Class Fees

All classes are school-year long, 30 week courses. *Nature Preschool fees are higher to cover the cost of the Naturalist.*

We offer payment options to assist families with payments. The first payment is due on the first day of class. Following payments are due the first of each month.

Payment example by building	9 Payments	2 Payments	1 Payment
1 day/eve per week at Normandy Park	\$ 72	\$304	\$608
2 days per week at Normandy Park or Hugo	\$140	\$608	\$1215
2 days per week Spanish Exposure Preschool	\$185	\$810	\$1620
3 days per week at Normandy Park or Hugo	\$197	\$864	\$1728
4 days per week at Normandy Park or Hugo	\$253	\$1116	\$2232
2 days per week at Tamarack Nature Center	\$185	\$ 810	\$1620
3 days per week at Tamarack Nature Center	\$280	\$1215	\$2430

Tuition Assistance
is available for families.
Applications are available at
the Normandy Park office.
More details on page 5.

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Registration Begins
Thursday, May 15

2014-2015 Registration

The ECFE brochure, class descriptions, registration information, and materials will be mailed late April/early May.

ECFE Classes at a Glance

ECFE is a program for all Minnesota families with children between the ages of birth to kindergarten. ECFE is based on the idea that the family provides a child’s first and most significant learning environment and parents are a child’s first and most important teacher. ECFE works to strengthen families to enhance the ability of all parents and other family members to provide the best possible environment for their child’s learning and growth. Parents, guardians and children attend together.

Infants
(Ages birth-6 months)
Mondays 9:30-11 am NP

Infants
(Ages 6-12 months)
Tuesdays 9:30-11 am NP

Toddlers
(Age 1 by Sept 1, 2014)
Tuesdays 9:15-11:15 am HU
Wednesdays 9-11 am NP
Thursdays 9-11 am NP

Older Toddlers
(Age 2 by Sept 1, 2014)
Tuesdays 9-11 am NP
Thursdays 9-11 am HU

NEW! Older Toddlers & Young Preschoolers
(Ages 2-4 as of Sept 1, 2014)
Wednesdays 9-11 am NP
Tuesdays 6-7:45 pm HU

Storybook Journey
(Ages 2-5 as of Sept 1, 2014)
Mondays 9:30-11 am NP

Family Play Group
(Ages 6 months-5 years)
Fridays 9:30-11 am NP
Tuesdays 6:15-7:45 pm NP

Parenting on Your Own
(Ages birth-5 years)
Tuesdays 6:15-7:45 pm NP

Family Special Events
Children ages 1-5 (not yet in kindergarten) and their parents/guardians are invited to the ECFE special events. Call 651-653-3100 or www.wblearlychildhoodregistration.org for more information or to register.

Cost: \$5 per family/activity

Discover the Magic of Reading
Thu, Feb 6, 2014 6:15-7:45 pm NP

Parent/Child Yoga
Wed, Feb 19, 2014 9:30-10:30 am NP

Music Together
Thu, April 10, 2014 TBD NP

Magical Mess Makers
Tue, April 15, 2014 9:30-10:30 am NP

Help Me Grow
Early Childhood
Information & Referral

Screening & Assistance
for Children Who May Need
Additional Support

If you have concerns about the development of your infant to 5 year old child, there may be services available to you. Please call for more information.

Help Me Grow
North Suburban Office
Serving the White Bear Lake Area
School District
651-604-3700

Help Me Grow
MN Dept. of Education
1-866-693-GROW (4769)



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Normandy Park Education Center
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White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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Leading Minds to Learning, Hearts to Compassion
and Lives to Community Service



Preschool Open Houses

You and your preschool child will have the opportunity to tour the White Bear Lake Area Preschool sites, observe classes in session, and have your questions answered.

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