

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

SHAKOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION GUIDE
2019-20**



Russian



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IMPORTANT DATES



February

Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off their enrollment forms during conference nights:

Eagle Creek Elementary | 2/11, 2/12 & 2/13

Jackson Elementary | 2/5, 2/7 & 2/11

Red Oak Elementary | 2/11, 2/12 & 2/13

Sweeney Elementary | 2/7 & 2/12

Sun Path Elementary | 2/5, 2/7 & 2/11

April 18 & 23

Kindergarten Round-Up Nights | 5:00 p.m.

Meet the principal and teachers, take a ride on the bus, tour the school and learn more about kindergarten.

May 6

All registration paperwork due to schools.

Registrations after May 6, 2019 will be handled by the Welcome Center located at 1200 Town Square Shakopee, MN (next to the Dollar General).

September 3 & 4

Elementary Connect and Assess Days

September 5

First Day of School!

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Если вам нужна переведенная версия этого документа, пожалуйста,
обратитесь в школу вашего ребенка.

WELCOME

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to kindergarten at Shakopee Public Schools! We are excited to join you in this new and exciting journey as your child begins school. Kindergarten is a special time of great academic and personal growth. Your child is important to us and we can't wait to make next year a positive experience.

This registration guide has information about our kindergarten program as well as information you will need to prepare for the first day of school. Enrollment forms for registration are also included. These forms should be returned to your assigned elementary school, as soon as possible, at any time during business hours or during conference nights. Any forms completed after May 6, 2019 should be returned to the District Office Welcome Center (1200 Town Square). We are looking forward to meeting all of our kindergarteners and their families at Round-Up Nights on April 18 and 23 at 5:00 p.m.

Feel free to reach out to us anytime, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Josie Koivisto, Principal, Eagle Creek Elementary | 952.496.5922

Kevin Bjerken, Principal, Jackson Elementary | 952.496.5802

Mitch Perrine, Principal, Red Oak Elementary | 952.496.5952

Patrick Leonard, Principal, Sun Path Elementary | 952.496.5892

Derek Bell, Principal, Sweeney Elementary | 952.496.5832

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We are EDUCATION FORWARD



We are proud that our kindergarten programming is rich in reading, writing and developing a well-rounded student. We are dedicated to providing our kindergarten students with a great start!

Reading and Writing

Our kindergarten students participate in Reading and Writing Workshops daily. They are fun and engaging ways to meet our students' individual literacy needs. In the workshop format, students will participate in a mini-lesson, guided practice and independent work.

Math

Kindergarten math is focused on developing a deep understanding of number sense, which builds a strong foundation for math success. Kindergarten teachers have been trained in Advantage Math Recovery.

Science

Project Lead the Way is a STEM program incorporated in our kindergarten classrooms. PLTW is a national program and Shakopee is an early adopter of this cutting edge program that promotes problem-solving skills. These units provide engaging, hands-on classroom environment empowering students to solve real-world challenges and inspiring them to reimagine how they see themselves.

Young Scholars

Young Scholars is an academic program that embraces research-based practices for identifying and nurturing academic potential in students. Young Scholars helps build creativity and critical thinking throughout the year. All kindergarten students receive classroom lessons from a Young Scholars Specialist.

Technology in the Classroom

The use of iPads in our classrooms allows teachers to individualize and personalize learning. Technology tools also enhance and showcase learning. Teachers are able to use apps to share student learning with families inside their classrooms.

Specialists

Kindergarten students participate daily in one or two of the following: media, music, art and physical education. These classes are taught by a certified instructor trained in each area.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING & INFORMATION



Early Childhood Screenings

Early Childhood Screenings are required for students to attend kindergarten. Children between the ages of three and five should be scheduled for this FREE evaluation of your child's development and learning.

The screening is a process that supports children in being ready for kindergarten by identifying possible health or developmental concerns that may impact learning. The screening checks all areas of development including hearing, vision, communication, social and motor skills.

Screenings are held at Central Family Center (505 Holmes St. S. Shakopee) and are available throughout the year on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Call 952.496.5054 to schedule an appointment or visit our website.

Early Childhood Programs

Early Childhood Programming at Shakopee schools is where young children begin their connection to our school district. Parents are their child's first and most important teachers. ECFE at Shakopee Public Schools offers many classes to strengthen and support you in that role. Our classes include flexible days and times to meet your needs.

Stepping Stones Preschool offers quality preschool experiences designed to support and grow children's skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Classes are available two to five days per week, days or evenings. There are also opportunities for before and after school care and parent involvement.

Registration for ECFE and Stepping Stones Preschool is done in person at the Welcome Center (1200 Town Square next to the Dollar General). For more information call 952.496.5013.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my child is eligible for transportation?

Elementary students (grades K-5) who live 1/2 mile or more from their assigned school are eligible for transportation. Students in grades 6-9 who live 1 mile or more from their assigned school and senior high students grade 10-12 who live more than 2 miles from the high school are eligible for transportation.

My child(ren) is eligible for transportation, how do I get them on a bus?

Once you have completed all your enrollment paperwork the transportation office will contact you with your route information, bus number and stop times. This process can take up to five business days and your child is not eligible to be on the bus until they are assigned a bus and route. Bus information for the upcoming school year will be sent to homes approximately two weeks before school starts.

If I live within a school boundary but my daycare is in another school boundary will my child be eligible for transportation from that daycare?

Busses do not cross elementary and middle school boundaries.

How are bus routes chosen?

Bus routes and stops are designed with consideration of safety, efficiency, cost and shortest overall ride times. Bus routing is designed with buses traveling main roads through neighborhoods and with students picked up and dropped off at central locations. Bus stops are located at corners or intersections whenever possible and are centrally located to where students are coming from.

Forms

All of our forms can be found online. Please visit www.shakopee.k12.mn.us and click on Departments > Transportation > and choose Transportation Forms from the left hand navigation bar.

You will find the following forms:

Alternate Transportation Application: This form should be filled out if you need your child dropped off or picked up at a location other than your primary home address.

Opt-Out of Transportation: If your child qualifies for bussing services, but will not be riding the bus, please fill out this form.

Bus Stop Change Request: If you believe that your child's stop does not meet the district's criteria, the Bus Stop Change Request form should be completed.



Contact the Transportation Department with questions at:
transportation@shakopee.k12.mn.us
952.960.4972

MORE INFORMATION

Free Breakfast

Breakfast and lunch are available at all schools, and breakfast is provided free for ALL kindergarten students.

Based on income, students may also qualify for free meals by completing an application. Contact the Food Service Department for more information at 952.496.5141. or 952.496.5140.



YMCA School-Age Childcare

Shakopee Public Schools works with River Valley YMCA to provide a fee-based before and after school care program located in your child's school.

Monday-Friday

Before school care available from 6:15 a.m. through the start of school

After school care available from the end of school until 6:15 p.m.

For more information call the River Valley YMCA at 952.230.9611 or visit www.ymcatwincities.org

OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Eagle Creek Elementary

6855 Woodward Ave. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5922

Jackson Elementary

1601 Lusitano St. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5802

Red Oak Elementary

7700 Old Carriage Ct. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5952

Sweeney Elementary

1001 Adams St. S. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5832

Sun Path Elementary

2250 17th Ave. E. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5892



Other District Buildings

Central Family Center (Preschool &
Preschool Screening)

505 Holmes St. S. Shakopee, MN
952.496.5013

District Office (Welcome Center)
1200 Town Square Shakopee, MN
952.496.5000

