

# WELCOME TO STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL

“Where learning comes to life through play and discovery.”



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**STEPPING STONES PRESCHOOL GUIDE**  
**Pearson Early Learning Center**





# WELCOME

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The same quality education our students receive across the district starts at the Pearson Early Learning Center. Stepping Stones Preschool offers preschool experiences designed to support and grow children's skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Stepping Stones has been rated a Four-Star Parent Aware preschool for our use of research-based practices. Also, integrated into our curriculum is a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Lab to give students an early start in critical thinking and innovation.

We also focus on the social emotional competence of our youngest learners through the full implementation of the Pyramid Model. The Pyramid Model focuses on nurturing and responsive relationships, high quality supportive classroom environments, targeted social emotional supports and intensive individual interventions. We help students identify emotions and become flexible thinkers through the We Thinkers curriculum.

Stepping Stones Preschool classes are available two to five days per week, days or evenings. There is also fee-based before and after-school care available.

You can register for Early Childhood Family Education and Stepping Stones Preschool at the Welcome Center (1200 Town Square next to the Dollar General). For more information, call 952.496.5875 or visit our website at [shakopee.k12.mn.us/Page/9671](http://shakopee.k12.mn.us/Page/9671)

On behalf of the staff at Pearson Early Learning Center, we hope to see you soon!

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## Customized to Meet Your Child's Needs

Each child is special and unique. At the Pearson Early Learning Center, we know that early intervention is one of the strongest indicators of students' success. Our classrooms provide inclusion opportunities for children who require special education services. Early Childhood General Education teachers and Special Education teachers work closely to provide individual instruction for each child based on their needs. You will see student support in the General Education classroom as well as the Special Education Resource rooms. Multi-Tiered-Systems-of-Support (MTSS) is the framework we use to respond to individual student needs. This allows us to create and implement evidenced based interventions in conjunction with data and appropriate developmental stages. MTSS in combination with high-quality, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction and assessment are some of the ways we individually customize your child's learning.

## Unparalleled Results

Our student data shows our preschoolers enter kindergarten with the tools needed to become a fluent reader by the 3rd grade. In addition to ensuring our students are academically ready, we have a strong focus of their social-emotional learning readiness. We have purchased the TS Gold Assessment curriculum, an assessment tool that will be used in our program to assess and monitor students' growth and development. As we transition to this online assessment curriculum, we will continue to use Work Sampling and IGDI standardized language assessments as needed.

## Comprehensive Curriculum

We provide every child the foundational learning needed to prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. Our classes incorporate a balance of shared and independent learning opportunities that build academic and social/emotional skills. Our curriculum and assessments are aligned to the rigor of our district standards and the Minnesota Department of Education Early Indicators of Progress Standards (ECIPS). All of our instructional programming at Pearson Early Learning Center includes innovative approaches that infuse STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) concepts.



# MORE INFORMATION

## Highly Trained Staff

Our staff is one of our greatest assets. At Stepping Stones Preschool, not only do you receive the benefits of a licensed teacher in every classroom, but para educators that are highly trained staff members that support students. In addition, all staff have a strong background in early education to ensure your child's academic and social-emotional success.



## Scholarships

Our goal at Pearson Early Learning Center is to provide preschool experiences that are accessible to all families in our community. If you have questions about scholarships or how to access our programs, please contact us at 952-496-5862 and we will be happy to assist you.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

The core of our philosophy is that parents are a child's first and most important teacher. There are many ways parents can be involved: volunteering or helping within the classroom, sharing skills or jobs/professions, reading to students, attending conferences, attending evening events, actively engaging in Seesaw, and/or joining our Parent Advisory Council.





# QUESTIONS?

## CONTACT US TODAY!

Questions? Call us at 952-496-5875 during the school year. During the summer, call 952-496-5862 or visit [www.shakopee.k12.mn.us](http://www.shakopee.k12.mn.us)

## REGISTER

You can register for Stepping Stones Preschool or Early Childhood Family Education at the Welcome Center (1200 Town Square next to the Dollar General Store).

## TOUR

We are happy to provide tours to those interested. Call us today to schedule a tour at your convenience.

Stepping Stones Preschool is located at 917 Dakota St. S, Shakopee, MN 55379

