

# Congratulations

It's time for  
kindergarten!

YOUR GUIDE TO KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT  
FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Office of Registration and Records

Edison Administration Building  
615 7th Street SW  
Rochester, MN 55902  
507.328.4200  
8:00am - 4:45pm Monday - Friday



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# WELCOME TO ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our records show that you have a child who will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2019. As the parent or guardian of a student in our schools, you are our most important and valued partner in our work to help your child achieve academic excellence.

Rochester Public Schools offers several different programming options for your kindergartner. This book will introduce you to all of the options within Rochester Public Schools, as well as information about kindergarten preparation, school tours, transportation, and more.

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT TIMELINE

### NOVEMBER 15, 2018

KICK OFF TO KINDERGARTEN AT MAYO HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA | 4:30 - 7:00 PM  
Learn about Rochester Public Schools and everything you need to know for fall 2019.

### LATE DECEMBER 2018

Registration and Records will mail kindergarten registration forms to all eligible incoming kindergartners.

### JANUARY 2-31, 2019

Kindergarten Registration opens at the Edison Administration Building (615 7th St SW)  
Office of Registration and Records | 507.328.4200  
Monday-Friday | 8:00am-4:45 pm \*Excluding Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 21\*

### JANUARY 13, 2019

District-wide school applications are due to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. See page 7 for information on the district-wide application.  
Students accepted into a district-wide school via random selection process are notified by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education during the week of January 14.

### MAY 2019

Approved/Denied Exception to Attendance and acceptance to district-wide school/program copies are mailed to parents/guardians.  
Parents should contact the Office of Student Advancement by May 1, 2019 at 507.328.4275 to make initial request for early entrance to kindergarten.

### SUMMER 2019

Kindergarten Prep 2019 offered through Community Education. Watch for Community Education's spring brochure for class times, fees, scholarship, and registration information.

### LATE AUGUST 2019

Transportation routing information will be mailed to those that qualify for busing.  
Elementary meet-the-teacher events will occur at all schools.

## What you should know.

Kindergarten registration packets will be mailed to families in late December 2018. If you have not received a registration packet by January 2, 2019, please stop by the Department of Registration and Records at the Edison Administration Building to enroll.

Please bring the following records with you when you register your child for kindergarten:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate. A photocopy can also be made from the original by Registration and Records staff.
- A copy of your child's latest immunization records. It is understood that many children will not have all their immunizations needed until their 5th birthday.

## MANDATORY EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING BEGINNING AT AGE 3

The State of Minnesota requires that all children check in for a development screening before entering a public kindergarten program. Rochester Public Schools provides a comprehensive early childhood screening for any child three years of age and older at no charge. During an early childhood screening our staff will check your child's vision, hearing, growth, immunizations status, skills in thinking, communication and language, large and small muscle control, and social and emotional development.

The best time to schedule your child's screening is when your child turns three-years-old. Children will be asked to complete age appropriate tasks, so just as children grow and change with age so will the tasks they complete at screening. Early detection and intervention make a difference in the lives of young children. Getting your child screened at age three will help you identify developmental needs your child may have. Even if you have no concerns about your child's development, you are still required by law to have a childhood screening summary and an immunization record before your child can start school.

Appointments are available at a variety of days and times. Screenings are completed by Registered Nurses and Early Childhood Professionals. A parent or guardian must attend the screening with the child. An interpreter is provided if needed. If your child receives special education services from Rochester Public Schools, speak with your child's teacher regarding the screening.

## HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: Call 507.328.4004

Early childhood screenings take place at  
Northrop Community Education Center  
201 8th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901



# GETTING MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

## TO-DO LIST



**1**

As soon as my child turns 3, schedule an early childhood screening by calling 507.328.4004.

Location of Screening:

**Northrop**

Date of Screening:

\_\_\_\_\_

Time of Screening:

\_\_\_\_\_

**2**

Register my child for kindergarten in January at Registration & Records in the Edison Building. 615 7th Street SW

Day that I am going to register my child:

\_\_\_\_\_

Papers to bring to registration:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records

**3**

Learn which school my child will attend.

Name of School:

\_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

School Website:

\_\_\_\_\_

**4**

Plan how my child will get to and from school - walk, bus, other.

From home to school:

\_\_\_\_\_

From school to home:

\_\_\_\_\_

Before & after school child care arrangements:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**5**

Figure out my child's kindergarten schedule for the fall.

School start & end times:

Start: \_\_\_\_\_ End: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast/lunch programs are provided.

Breakfast:

\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch:

\_\_\_\_\_

**6**

Attend events at my child's elementary school such as Meet the Teacher Day, an open house, or play at the playground during the weekends.

Dates for Events:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**7**

Share information about my child with the kindergarten teacher.

Ways to share:

- Meet or talk with the kindergarten teacher
- Meet the Teacher Day is in August. See if there is a kinder calendar
- Visit the classroom with my child
- Provide written information to the kindergarten teacher about my child's strengths and needs

**8**

Find out if there are resources at the elementary school that may help my child and our family.

For example, translation services, speech therapy, transition resources, VIE, PTSA, etc.

Notes:

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\_\_\_\_\_

**9**

Do fun things with my child at home to help prep for kindergarten.

Examples of things you can do:

- Play on the playground
- Work on letter recognition
- Read with your child
- Play counting games
- Visit the library

# HEALTH SERVICES

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Our Department of Student Health Services is a key component to meeting this daily goal.

If your child has special considerations (such as food allergies, diabetes, asthma, seizures, etc.) we need to know about this before your child can begin kindergarten. Please visit our Student Health Services website, download and complete the appropriate forms before your child's first day of kindergarten. Some forms may require a health care provider authorization, in addition to parent/guardian authorization.

**Find us at: [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org)  
Search keyword 'Student Health Services'**

## Are Your Kids Ready?

Prior to your child's 5th birthday you should contact your child's primary care physician to schedule a Well Child Checkup for your incoming kindergarten student. Schedule early to ensure your child will have the needed immunizations prior to the first day of school. **Students will not be allowed to start school on the first day of school if they do not have their immunizations or the proper documentation for exemption.**

### MINNESOTA'S IMMUNIZATION LAW

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS** Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).

Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine.

BIRTH THROUGH 4 YEARS Early childhood programs & child care	AGE: 5 THROUGH 6 YRS <sup>3</sup> For Kindergarten	AGE: 7 THROUGH 11 YRS For 1st through 6th grade	AGE: 12 YEARS AND OLDER For 7th through 12th grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓ <sup>7</sup>
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓✓ <sup>4</sup>	Tetanus and diphtheria containing doses ✓✓✓ <sup>6</sup>	Tdap & at least 2 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses ✓ <sup>8</sup>
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓✓ <sup>5</sup>	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			Meningococcal ✓ & booster <sup>9</sup>
Pneumococcal ✓✓✓✓ <sup>1</sup>			
Varicella ✓ <sup>2</sup>	Varicella ✓✓ <sup>2</sup>	Varicella ✓✓ <sup>2</sup>	Varicella ✓✓

#### IMMUNIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED:

**Influenza**  
Annually for all children age 6 months and older

**Rotavirus**  
For infants

**Human papillomavirus**  
At age 11-12 years

- 1 Not required after 24 months.
- 2 If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form confirming disease.
- 3 First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- 4 Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- 5 Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- 6 Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.
- 7 An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.
- 8 One dose of Tdap is required beginning at 7th grade. Also need proof of at least two tetanus and diphtheria containing doses (DTaP/DT/Td). If a child received Tdap prior to 7th grade, another dose of Tdap is not needed.
- 9 One dose is required beginning at 7th grade. The booster dose is usually given at 16 years.

#### EXEMPTIONS

To enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school in Minnesota, children must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption. Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a non-medical exemption signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

#### LOOKING FOR RECORDS?

For copies of your child's vaccination records, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-3980.

# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Rochester Public Schools takes tremendous pride in a safe and welcoming learning environment for all of our students. Our quality neighborhood schools offer child-centered curriculum that include age-appropriate teaching methods and materials. Teaching and support staff work to develop all areas of a child (social, emotional, physical, academic, and creative). We promote independence and decision-making, problem-solving, and social skills in each child.

A balance of whole group, small group, and individual learning opportunities, along with a wealth of classroom materials and resources are used to create the best learning environment possible for your child.

Your child will be attending the school assigned to your neighborhood area. For additional information, visit [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org) and search keyword 'Neighborhood Schools' or visit [infofinder.com](http://infofinder.com).



SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PRINCIPAL	PHONE
Bamber Valley	2001 Bamber Valley Rd SW	Kristin Engbrecht	507.328.3030
Bishop	406 36th Ave NW	Jared Groehler	507.328.3100
Churchill	2240 7th Ave NE	Ryan Eversman	507.328.3150
Elton Hills	1421 Elton Hills Dr NW	Brant Goetz	507.328.3200
Folwell	603 15th Ave SW	Wendy Moritz	507.328.3220
Franklin	1801 9th Ave SE	George Nemanich	507.328.3300
Gage	1300 40th St NW	Nichole Bergerson	507.328.3400
Gibbs	5525 56th St NW	Michelle Schrantz	507.328.4100
Jefferson	1201 10th Ave NE	Heather Klavetter	507.328.3500
Pinewood	1900 Pinewood Rd SE	Paul Ehling	507.328.3630
Riverside Central	506 5th Ave SE	Matt Ruzek	507.328.3700
Sunset Terrace	1707 19th Ave NW	Heather Hogen	507.328.3770

# GET TO KNOW YOUR DISTRICT

## What is a district-wide school/program?

District-wide schools/programs are schools or programs located within the Rochester Public School District that may deliver the curriculum in a different manner than neighborhood schools. District-wide schools and programs are tuition free to students. Transportation is provided to eligible students that are enrolled in a district-wide school or program.

## How do I enroll my child into a district-wide school/program?

To enroll, you must fill out and submit an application to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. There are various ways in which you can do this.

1. Visit [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org), search keyword 'District-wide application', and follow the instructions. Fill out the form online, and press submit.
2. Print the PDF form and mail or drop it off at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Edison Administration Building, Second Floor, 615 7th Street SW, Rochester, MN, 55902.
3. Fill out the form in person at the Edison Administration Building.

## Why do I need to apply?

Students are automatically assigned to their neighborhood school and the application process allows the district to learn about a family's interest in attending a district-wide school/program. At particular grade levels there may be a waiting pool due to a greater demand of students applying than the number of spots available.

## What is the time frame for 2019-2020 Applications?

Applications are available online and at the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education in the Edison Building. The deadline for the initial selection period is Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11:59 PM with the random selection taking place on Monday, January 14, 2019. Any additional random selections will be based on vacancies. Parents will be notified by phone during the week of January 13 if their child has been selected. Applicants must reapply every year if not selected, including siblings.

## What if my child has a sibling already enrolled in a district-wide school/program?

Siblings of students currently attending a district-wide school will have preference in the selection process. However, you will still need to apply using the same application process listed above. Be sure to indicate on the form that your child has a sibling currently enrolled in a district-wide school/program. Please contact the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education for full clarification on qualification.

**What are the district-wide schools/programs?**

**ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFER FIVE DISTRICT-WIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS/PROGRAMS.**



# -WIDE SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

## **GAGE SPANISH IMMERSION DISTRICT-WIDE PROGRAM**

¡Hola! Gage offers the Spanish Immersion district-wide program in Rochester Public Schools. Our Spanish Immersion program follows a 90-10 model, meaning 90% of the day is in Spanish and 10% of the day is in English. Our teachers are licensed elementary teachers proficient in both Spanish and English. The Spanish Immersion program covers the same curriculum and is held to the same standards for success as our traditional kindergarten programs.

To arrange a tour, call 507.328.3400.

Principal: Nichole Bergerson

## **LINCOLN K-8 DISTRICT-WIDE SCHOOL**

The mission of Lincoln is to educate and empower our children in a family-oriented and creative community by cultivating excellence. Staff use a thematic approach to deliver curriculum which support the individual learning styles of the whole child. Our innovative science curriculum supports academic excellence and is fostering the next generation of talented and creative scientists. We are a creative community that incorporates visual arts, music and class productions in grades K-8.

To arrange a tour, call 507.328.3550.

Principal: Jim Sonju

## **LONGFELLOW 45/15 DISTRICT-WIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Longfellow follows a 45/15 instructional calendar with school beginning the last week of July after a six-week summer break. Students attend school each of the four instructional quarters for approximately 45 days followed by 15 days of break. Benefits of the 45/15 schedule include greater student retention and less re-teaching due to the strategically placed breaks, consistent teaching time, and positive school culture. The staff at Longfellow are highly creative with the infusion of research based differentiation models to meet the needs of our learners.

To arrange a tour, call 507.328.3600.

Principal: Kris Davidson

## **MONTESSORI AT FRANKLIN DISTRICT-WIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Montessori approach to education embraces individualized instruction for children, mixed-age groupings, a structured curriculum, and a prepared environment using specialized Montessori teaching materials. The Montessori classrooms allow children to move, touch, manipulate, and explore the specifically designed learning materials with both direct and indirect teaching to foster their journey from the concrete to the abstract. Since Montessori education is based on the inner motivation of the child, it is the teacher's role to work with this motivation in ways that will enhance each child's learning experience.

To arrange a tour, call 507.328.3300.

Principal: George Nemanich

## **WASHINGTON CORE KNOWLEDGE DISTRICT-WIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Washington uses a curriculum based on the Core Knowledge Sequence, a rich and rigorous body of information in American and world history, geography, science, literature, music and art. It is our belief that the most effective elementary education balances high expectations for mastery of basic reading, math, writing, and technology skills with a solid foundation of factual information in the content areas. The area of reading stresses systematic phonics instruction in the primary grades and builds vocabulary, comprehension and reading fluency throughout the grades and reading instruction is supplemented with classic literature recommended in the Core Knowledge Sequence. Math instruction uses a traditional style focused on the MN state standards with an emphasis on mastery of basic math facts, computation skills, concepts, and problem solving.

To arrange a tour, call 507.328.3800.

Principal: Chad Schroeder



# RPS EARLY LEARNING



## SCHOOL READINESS PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS

**Franklin Elementary**  
1801 9th Ave SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

**Hawthorne Education Center**  
700 4th Ave SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

**Hoover Early Learning School**  
369 Elton Hills Dr NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

**Northrop Education Center**  
201 8th St NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

**Mighty Oaks Early Learning School**  
3800 50th Ave SE  
Rochester, MN 55904

## Why Rochester Public Schools preschool?

Skills we build in preschool serve us for a lifetime—positive relationships, language and literacy, numbers and thinking skills, and much more. Rochester Public Schools preschool prepares our young learners for a future of school and life success. We use a play-based approach facilitated by high quality educators with respected curricula and assessments in a positive learning environment. RPS preschool is a quality preschool program that respects the unique needs of each child. When children are prepared to succeed at kindergarten entrance, all of society benefits.

## Growing Young Minds

RPS preschool focuses across the areas of child development, facilitating learning in social and emotional, cognitive, and physical development, literacy and language, math, science, and the arts. Our children play to learn, with whole group, small group, and individualized opportunities. Our licensed teachers and talented assistants provide caring, quality environments where the love of learning will flourish.



## Four-Star Parent Aware Rated

RPS Preschool Program has earned a Four-Star rating from Minnesota's Parent Aware Quality Rating System, as a result of our commitment to quality curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional development.

**For more information and registration, call 507-328-4024.**



**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFYING FAMILIES**

# KINDERGARTEN PREP & SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC)

## Kindergarten Tours

You are welcome to visit your neighborhood or district-wide school. Please contact the main office for a full schedule of tour dates or to schedule a tour. Phone numbers can be found on pages 6 and 8.

## KINDERGARTEN PREP 2019

Kindergarten is one of your child's milestones that creates excitement and wonder. Community Education, along with your child's school and district teachers, have created an optional course for incoming kindergartners to help them feel prepared and excited to come to school in September! Experience what a regular day in kindergarten will be like with:

- Hands-on learning
- Art projects
- Purposeful play
- Classroom routines
- Number games
- Learning the layout of the school
- Experiencing how classroom materials are used

**Classes will be offered summer of 2019**—watch for Community Education's spring brochure for class times, fees, scholarship, and registration information. Visit [www.rochesterce.org](http://www.rochesterce.org) for more information.



# (SACC)

School Age Child Care (SACC) provides the highest quality enrichment opportunities in a nurturing and safe environment for more than 1,700 children in kindergarten through fifth grade throughout Rochester Public Schools. SACC provides care before and after school on all regular school days, non-school enrichment days (NSEDs), most inclement weather days, and summer. The SACC program is available at all RPS elementary schools where registration numbers support an operating site. Information for SACC is available at Kick Off to Kindergarten, through the SACC office at Northrop Education Center, and online through Rochester Public Schools Community Education. Registration begins in March for the following summer and school year.

For more information visit:  
[www.rochesterce.org](http://www.rochesterce.org)  
Keyword search 'SACC'

# FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our goal is to educate parents and community members about the value of family and community engagement, as well as to provide strategies for these efforts throughout the district.

You are encouraged to visit the website where you can access resources focused on engagement. Learn more about the six different types of proven parent and family outreach practices. They are:

1. **Parenting:** Help all families establish home environments to support learning.
2. **Communicating:** Design more effective forms of communication to reach parents.
3. **Volunteering:** Recruit and organize parent help and support.
4. **Learning at Home:** Provide ideas to parents on how to help a child at home.
5. **Decision Making:** Include parents in school decisions and develop parent leaders.
6. **Collaborating with the Community:** Identify and integrate resources and services from the community.

## MEETING DATES

All parents, families and community members are invited to attend one or all of the following meetings. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Northrop Building from 9:30-11:00am.

\*Meetings will be canceled if there is a 2-hour school delay.

### DATE

October 16, 2018  
November 13, 2018  
December 11, 2018  
January 8, 2019  
February 12, 2019  
March 12, 2019  
April 9, 2019  
May 14, 2019

For questions, call 507.328.4356 or visit [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org).  
Search keyword 'Family and Community Engagement'

## Volunteers in Education | ViE

*Volunteering can deliver  
immeasurable rewards.*

Parents, guardians, grandparents, and community members are encouraged to share their time, talents, and knowledge with our students. Volunteering in RPS enriches the educational programs and strengthens our relationships with families, businesses, and the community as a whole.

To volunteer in Rochester Public Schools, visit [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org) and search keyword 'vie' to complete an application and review frequently asked questions.



# TRANSPORTATION

## What you should know.

The Minnesota state statute requires transportation for students residing 2 miles or more from their neighborhood school. However, Rochester Public Schools transports students in grades K-5 who reside more than 1.25 miles from their neighborhood school. You will receive an enrollment letter in the spring. Your letter will state whether or not you are eligible for transportation. If you are eligible, you will receive bus routing information by mail in late August of 2019.

**Transportation can be provided to and or from your child care location if the following circumstance exist:**

- Your child care is in the attendance area of the school your child attends.
- Your child care address is more than 1.25 miles from the school your child attends.
- A child care request form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the parent/guardian(s).
- Requests for transportation from child care will be carried forward each year through 5th grade. Parents must notify the Transportation Office if they wish to cancel. Forms are available at the Transportation Office | Room 122 | Edison Building (615 7th St SW) or online at [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org), search keyword 'Transportation'.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Where and when will kindergarten registration take place?

Kindergarten registration will take place from 8:00 am to 4:45 pm, Monday-Friday Jan. 2-31, 2019 at the Edison Building, 615 7th Street SW. Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate. A photocopy can also be made from the original by Registration and Records staff. You will also need a copy of your child's latest immunization records. It is understood that many children will not have all immunizations needed until their fifth (5th) birthday.

## How can I find out where my neighborhood school is located?

School attendance boundary maps are available on the district website, or you may contact Registration and Records at 507.328.4200.

## How do I obtain a copy of my child's birth certificate?

If your child was born in the state of MN, you can purchase a copy at the Olmsted County Courthouse in Rochester. If your child was not born in MN, contact the county of the state in which your child was born. We can photocopy the original for you.

According to MN State Statute, a person shall not be admitted to a public school as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five (5) years of age on or before September 1, of the calendar year in which the school year commences. (120A.20, MN Statutes, 2007)

Students who demonstrate superior academic readiness will be considered for early entrance to kindergarten if they will be turning five (5) years of age between September 2 and August 31 of their early entrance school year. (120B.5, MN Statutes, 2004) For more information, contact Monica Bowler at 507.328.4275.

All children in Minnesota are required to begin attending school by the age of seven. Children are not required by statute to complete kindergarten before beginning first grade. The district recommends that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade.

## What is the age requirement for entrance to kindergarten?

## Is there all-day kindergarten in Rochester?

Yes. The Rochester Public Schools kindergarten program is all-day, every day.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I volunteer at my child's school and become involved in my child's education?

Visit the district website [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org), search keyword 'vie' to learn how you can volunteer at your child's school or ask your child's teacher or principal.

## Is there childcare at school?

Rochester Public Schools' Community Education administers the School Age Child Care (SACC) Program.

The School Age Child Care Office is located at Northrop Education Center, 201 8th Street NW, 507.328.4040. Information regarding the SACC program can be found on the Community Education website.

## What do I do if I need to have an interpreter help me during the registration process?

The district can assist families that may need a language interpreter during the registration process. Please let us know if you will need some assistance during registration by calling 507.328.4237.

## How do I apply for 'Free or Reduced' lunch?

Applications for Free or Reduced Priced School Meals are available at your School Office or the Student Nutrition Services Office located at the Edison Building. For more information, please call 507.328.4218, or go to the Student Nutrition Services website.

## What if my daycare is in another attendance area other than where I live?

A parent/legal guardian may request that a child attend school in the neighborhood school serving the area in which the childcare provider resides. This is granted provided building capacity/class size will accommodate the request; agreed-upon plan will continue for the entire year; transportation is provided by the district only if the address is within the attendance area of the receiving school and meets the distance requirements for the transportation; and the student maintains acceptable attendance and behavior as determined by the building administrator. An Exception to Attendance form for this request can be found at [www.rochesterschools.org](http://www.rochesterschools.org), search keyword 'exception to attendance'.

**You are  
welcome  
here.**

**Eres bienvenido aquí**

**ku soo dhawaada halkan**

**أنتم مرحبٌ بكم هنا**

**Vi ste dobrodošli ovdje**

**你在这里是受欢迎的**

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# KICK OFF TO KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



**Thursday, November 15, 2018**  
**4:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**Mayo High School Cafeteria**

Join us to learn about your Rochester Public Schools options for your child entering Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Adults and children are welcome to attend Kick Off to Kindergarten for information and activities.

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