2026-2027

Preschool Registration

Preschool begins Thursday, September 10, 2026

St. Francis Area Schools

Preschool Place 15

Options for children ages 3 to Kindergarten
(ages in Fall 2026)

Open House
Tuesday, September 1
for ECFC site
and
Wednesday, September 2
for SFES site

Checklist for Registration

Item	Complete
Register online at www.isd15.org/pp15 . One class registration per student during initial registration. Additional class registrations and registrations for Kindergarten eligible students will be processed after March 1.	☐
Submit immunization record if new preschool enrollee (email to earlychildhood@isd15.org or drop off at Early Childhood Family Center office)	☐
Complete online Preschool Transportation Form (if needed)	☐



Registration Begins

Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

For best selection, register on this date. Registrations after this date will be processed on an ongoing basis.

PRESCHOOL PLACE 15
SCHOOL READINESS
St. Francis Area Schools Community Education

Early Childhood
St. Francis Area Schools

Welcome to Preschool Place 15

St. Francis Area Schools Early Childhood Programs provides a high-quality preschool program for young children of all abilities to grow and experience success through learning in all development areas.

We believe:

- Children learn through active, hands-on involvement
- Children's learning is a cooperative effort by home, school, and community
- Children grow in self-awareness, knowledge, and self-image through interactions with others
- Children develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning opportunities by being encouraged to try new ideas, experiment, and use materials creatively
- Caregivers are partners in learning and are keys in bridging the worlds of home and school

Preschool Place 15 provides:

- Morning, afternoon, evening, and full-day preschool classes
- Transportation options for many of our daytime classes
- Social-Emotional curriculum that focuses on identifying feelings, describing emotions, social interactions, and problem-solving
- Handwriting curriculum that encourages the proper fine motor skills to develop a confident and successful writer
- Literacy based curriculum that includes mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, the arts, and physical development goals and standards
- Environments that are designed to enhance and expand children's understanding of the world as they direct their play
- Highly qualified teachers and staff that utilize the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress to facilitate children's learning
- Opportunities for caregivers to partner in their child's learning through special events, take-home opportunities, conferences, and more

How to Register

Go online to www.isd15.org/pp15 to register

For best selection, register early as some classes fill fast.

- All registrations will be placed on a waitlist until all documents and payment information can be verified by office staff.
- If you are requesting transportation, check the box on the registration form and fill out the **Preschool Transportation Form**. The form is available at https://www.isd15.org/page/transportation. Transportation is available for morning and afternoon full-year preschool sections from addresses located within St. Francis Area Schools boundaries. Space is limited, and some routes may fill to capacity early in the fall.
- Please list an alternate class on the registration page in case your first selection is full. If all of your class choices are filled, you will be called with alternative options.
- Verify age eligibility as of 9/1/26 for class you are registering for
- Provide **Early Childhood Screening** information on registration form. If your child has not been screened, sign up for an appointment at www.isd15.org/ecscreening.
- Turn in a copy of your child's **Immunizations** if new to our preschool program. Immunizations can be emailed to earlychildhood@isd15.org or brought to the office at the Early Childhood Family Center.

Incomplete registrations will be processed when missing information is received.

Questions? Call 763-753-7170 or email earlychildhood@isd15.org

Registrations are accepted throughout the school year if openings are available

What happens once the registration is received?

- Once all registration information is verified by office staff, you will be notified by email confirming your child's registration. This process will occur within two weeks for initial registrations of your first class for 3 and 4 year old students. If your child is kindergarten eligible, or you are registering for additional preschool classes, they will be put on a waiting list until March 1. Their registration will be processed at that time; space permitting. All other registrations will be processed as they are submitted.
- If your child has not participated in Early Childhood screening and is three years old by September 1, please make an appointment for screening at www.isd15.org/ecscreening. Once you have selected a preferred date for screening, an email will be sent confirming the screening appointment. Further information about screening will be mailed out about a week before the appointment.
- If you request tuition assistance, we will need a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your 2025 Federal Income tax form. Tuition adjustments will be applied going forward from the date received. You can check your Arux account for updated tuition information.
- In mid-August, you will receive additional information regarding your child's class and the preschool year.
- **Preschool Place 15 classes are held Thursday, September 10- Friday, May 28**
- **Preschool Open House will be Tuesday, September 1 for the ECFC site and Wednesday, September 2 for the SFES site.**

2026-27 Preschool Fees

- $45 non-refundable registration fee per child, per class plus 9 monthly payments (September-May).
- There will be a $15 fee to change classes after August 14, 2026.
- Discounts are offered for multiple children from the same family attending preschool. Contact the office for details.
- Monthly payments (tuition and transportation) are due the 12th of each month.
- Fees are to be paid through your online preschool account (Arux). A card must be on file for monthly payments. Contact the office if questions.
- A late fee of $10 will be charged if monthly payment is more than five (5) days late.

Fee Scale for Preschool Place 15

Adjusted Gross Annual Income and correlating reduction in tuition fees

Family Size	90% Reduction	75% Reduction	55% Reduction	35% Reduction	20% Reduction	Full Fee*
2	0-21,640	21,641-28,132	28,133-40,034	40,035-44,362	44,363-49,772	49,773+
3	0-27,320	27,321-35,516	35,517-50,542	50,543-56,006	56,007-62,836	62,837+
4	0-33,000	33,001-42,900	42,901-61,050	61,051-67,650	67,651-75,900	75,901+
5	0-38,680	38,681-50,284	50,285-71,558	71,559-79,294	79,295-88,964	88,965+
6	0-44,360	44,361-57,668	57,669-82,066	82,067-90,938	90,939-102,028	102,029+
7	0-50,040	50,041-65,052	65,053-92,574	92,575-102,582	102,583-115,092	115,093+
8	0-55,720	55,721-72,436	72,437-103,082	103,083-114,226	114,227-128,156	128,157+
each additional person add $5,680						

* If you do not qualify for reduced tuition based on income, but your family is experiencing a significant hardship, we will consider reduced tuition on a case by case basis. Please provide details and income information.

You may qualify for tuition assistance

To request tuition assistance, submit page 1 and 2 of your 2025 Federal Income tax form to the office or email to earlychildhood@isd15.org

School Readiness Funds
(reduction in tuition)

Qualifying requirements:

*Student attends Preschool Place 15
*Student is 3 years of age as of 9/1/26 and not eligible for kindergarten
*Meet income eligibility requirements (based on family size and income, fee reduction according to above chart)

The Minnesota State Legislature has provided School Readiness funds that make it possible for families to use the sliding fee scale. The scale is based on income, family size, and other factors.

Voluntary Prekindergarten Funds (VPK)
(tuition free preschool)

Qualifying requirements:

*Student is a resident of St. Francis Area School District
*Student attends Preschool Place 15
*Student is 4 years of age on 9/1/26
*Student meets one of the following criteria:
-qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals
-meets family eligibility requirements (55% fee reduction or more in chart above)
-is an American Indian
-is an English language learner
-has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months
-is in foster care or kinship care
-has a parent who is a migrant or seasonal agricultural laborer
-has a parent who is incarcerated
-is identified through Early Childhood Screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
-is defined as at-risk by the school district

The Minnesota State Legislature has provided Voluntary Prekindergarten funds that make it possible for eligible four-year-old children to attend high-quality early learning programs. The purpose of a Voluntary Prekindergarten program is to support children and their families and prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Pathway II Scholarships
(tuition free preschool)

Qualifying requirements:

*Student attends Preschool Place 15
*Student is at least 3 years of age as of 9/1/26 and not eligible for kindergarten
*Meet income eligibility requirements (55% fee reduction or more in chart above)

—OR—

You participate in one of the following programs:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program
- Child Care Assistance Program
- Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Food Support (SNAP)
- Head Start
- Foster care

Each child's tuition and transportation fees may be reduced in only one way. Kindergarten eligible students are not able to receive these types of tuition assistance.

St. Francis Area Schools Preschool Programs 2026-27

Registration for 2026-27 preschool classes begins Sunday, February 1 at 4:00pm online at www.isd15.org/pp15. Your registration will be placed on a waitlist until all documents and payment information can be verified by office staff. For best selection, complete registration on February 1. If your child is Kindergarten eligible, or you are registering for a second class they will be put on a waiting list until March 1. Their registration will be processed at that time; space permitting. Registrations accepted until classes fill.

Full-Year Preschool Place 15 at Early Childhood Family Center

Verify your child's age

AGE as of 9/1/26	DAYS & TIME	HOURS/DAY	MONTHLY TUITION (X9)*	MONTHLY BUS (X9) **
3 year olds	Tue/Thu 9:00-11:30 a.m.	2.5	$151.25	$40.00
3 year olds	Mon/Wed 12:30-3:00 p.m.	2.5	$149.00	$40.00
3 year olds	Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00-11:30 a.m.	2.5	$218.00	$50.00
3 to 5 year olds	Wed 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	6 2.5	$255.75	$40.00
● 3 to 5 year olds	Thu 5:00-7:30 p.m.	2.5	$73.50	N/A
4 to 5 year olds	Mon/Wed 12:30-3:00 p.m.	2.5	$149.00	$40.00
4 to 5 year olds	Tue/Thu 12:30-3:00 p.m.	2.5	$151.25	$40.00
4 to 5 year olds	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 12:30-3:00 p.m.	2.5	$300.00	$60.00
▲ 4 to 5 year olds	Mon/Wed 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Fri 9:00-11:30 a.m.	6 2.5	$426.25 VPK	$50.00
▲ 4 to 5 year olds	Tue/Thu 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	6	$362.75 VPK	$40.00
▲ 4 to 5 year olds	Mon/Tue/Thu 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	6	$533.50 VPK	$50.00

*Plus registration fee.
**On the days your child attends Preschool Place 15 and Just 4 Kids, transportation between programs is provided at no cost.

Full-Year Preschool Place 15 at St. Francis Elementary School

AGE as of 9/1/26	DAYS & TIME	HOURS/DAY	MONTHLY TUITION (X9)*	MONTHLY BUS (X9) **
▲ 4 to 5 year olds	Mon/Wed 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fri 8:30-11:00 a.m.	6 2.5	$426.25 VPK	$50.00
▲ 4 to 5 year olds	Tue/Thu 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	6	$362.75 VPK	$40.00

*Plus registration fee.
**Transportation offered for families if pick-up and drop-off address is within St. Francis Elementary School attendance area.

KEY: ● Preschool at Dusk: An option for families who want an evening preschool experience
▲ Full day preschool: Full day preschool option. Breakfast and lunch are served each day or a lunch from home may be brought.
VPK: A Voluntary Prekindergarten eligible class where VPK funds may be used, but are not mandatory to enroll. See page 3 for details

Infinite Campus

St. Francis Area Schools uses Infinite Campus for its student information system. The information system is where every student's school career information is collected. In the Campus Portal, families have access to accurate, current, and confidential information about their student's attendance, grades, class assignments and more. For data privacy, accessing this information requires a password; families will only be able to view their student's information

* Campus Portal users can display the information in one of the following languages: English, Spanish, simplified Chinese and traditional Chinese. The Campus Portal is also available as a mobile app for Android, iPhone and iPad devices.
* Campus Messenger is part of the student information system. Families can enter household, mobile and work phone numbers and designate voice and text options for each number. They can also enter email addresses that messages can be sent to. Message categories include emergency, attendance, behavior, general notification and priority notification.
* Research has shown that caregiver involvement is a key attribute to student success. St. Francis Area Schools has opened the Campus Portal to enhance communication between students, teachers and families.

To open an account, visit www.isd15.org/campus.

Need care for your child before/after preschool?

- For children who are 3 by September 1 through kindergarten enrollment
- Activities are based on a weekly theme and include a variety of experiences for children
- Trained staff
- Full or part-time childcare options
- Care options begin as early as 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Call 763-213-1616 for more information

KIDS CONNECTION

JUST 4 KIDS

On days your student attends both Just 4 Kids and PP15, transportation between programs is provided at no cost.

Home or childcare provider must be within St. Francis Area Schools boundaries if registering for the ECFC site and within St. Francis Elementary School boundaries if registering for the St. Francis Elementary site.

Transportation requests must be made by August 27, 2026 for your child to begin bussing on the first day of preschool. If made after this date, transportation will start the week of September 21, 2026



Transportation

School Readiness funds cover most of the cost of transportation. Fees required of all preschool children who ride the bus, excluding Just 4 Kids attendees, cover the remaining cost. Monthly transportation fees are set in accordance with the class chosen. These fees cannot be split for partial route requests. See page 4 for monthly bus fees.

The St. Francis Area Schools Transportation Department provides transportation, and routes are established based on addresses. Preschoolers are the only children on each school bus. Children are supervised by preschool staff as they get off the bus until their class begins. Each day of the week may have slightly different routes, so the times can vary daily.

A Preschool Transportation Form must be on file for each child riding the bus. You can find this form at www.isd15.org/transportation. All transportation requests are processed by the Early Childhood office, with a limited number of spots available. Some routes may be filled to capacity early in the fall. Changes or requests will take at least one week to go into effect. Route information specific to your student will be available by open house in August.

Transportation form must be completed to receive preschool transportation. Fill out at www.isd15.org/transportation.



Preschool Open House

Tuesday, September 1 at the Early Childhood Family Center site

Wednesday, September 2 at the St. Francis Elementary site

Preschool open house is designed to acquaint children and parents with full-year Preschool Place 15. We require that at least one parent and the preschool child attend the preschool open house.

You and your child will:
- meet teachers and assistants
- experience fun preschool activities
- learn about and explore the school bus
- receive program guidelines and procedures
- receive bus or car tag identification
- turn in essential forms needed before the first day of class

More information about open house will be sent in mid-August.

What school supplies will my preschooler need?
- Folder
- Backpack (without wheels and large enough to hold a folder without folding)



Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening should be done soon after your child's third birthday. Screening is a FREE, simple check of your young child in these areas:

Health
- *Health review*
- *Height and weight*
- *Immunizations*
- *Vision and hearing*

Development
- *Cognitive*
- *Fine/Gross motor*
- *Social, emotional*
- *Speech*

If your child is 3 and has not been through Early Childhood Screening, sign up for an appointment at www.isd15.org/ecscreening

All children over the age of three who are enrolled in St. Francis Area Schools Preschool or ECFE programs must have a screening record on file with the district. Parents/guardians must attend the screening with their child. Contact the Early Childhood office if your child was screened in another district or you would like conscientious objector information. This screening satisfies the Minnesota state requirement that all children be screened before entering public school kindergarten. It does not determine kindergarten readiness.

Help Me CONNECT

1.Visit: helpmeconnectmn.org
2.Select: A category to see list of services
3.Enter: An address to find services nearby
4.Create: Favorites for future use
5.Contact: HelpMeConnect@state.mn.us for more information

Ways to Stay in the Know

Visit our website at www.isd15.org/ecfc

Follow St. Francis Area Schools Early Childhood on Facebook

Download the app: St. Francis Areas Schools ISD 15. Catch up with the latest student stories, events, and news updates. It's everything St. Francis Area Schools, in your pocket.

Early Childhood Family Education
St. Francis Area Schools Community Education

Early Childhood Family Education
Fall Semester (September-January)
Parent/Child Sessions

Classes take place at Early Childhood Family Center
The ECFE catalog will be available in March and registration begins at that time.
(Ages as of class start date)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Young Toddlers: 9-18 months Birth-K	Toddlers: 17-28 months Birth-K	Babies: birth-10 months Birth-K	Stepping Stones: 29-39 months Let's Play Together	Stepping Stones: 29-39 months Birth-K
Afternoon		Let's Play Together	Preschoolers Plus: 30-60 months	Grandfamilies	
Evening				Birth-K	

ECFE parent/child classes include:

Time together. Caregivers and children explore a variety of activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher.
Time for play. Children practice and discover their own capabilities by experimenting with materials, playing with other children and trying out new activities.
Time for parents. While the children are busy playing, you will meet with other caregivers. A licensed parent educator will lead the group and guide discussion



Be counted!

All St. Francis Area Schools residents must be included on the school census — even the youngest of babies.
Call the district office at 763-753-7040 or go online https://www.isd15.org/page/census to complete a district census and let them know when you have an addition to the family or if you move. By calling, you will receive Early Childhood and school information and help the district plan for the future.

Stepping Stones

Designed to transition your child from Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) into preschool. During the first half of the year, child and caregiver attend class together. There is time for child and adult to be together; time for adult interaction along with a parent educator in another room; and time for child to work with their peers and an Early Childhood Teacher learning new skills. During the second half of the year, the child will attend Stepping Stones independently. Staff do not change diapers, but are ready to assist children in their independent management of their toileting. **REGISTRATION FOR THESE CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE IN MARCH DURING ECFE REGISTRATION. This is a full year class and participation in both first and second semester is required for class enrollment.**

CLASS	AGE	DAYS & TIME	HOURS/DAY	CLASS TUITION	BUS NOT AVAILABLE
Stepping Stones	29-39 months	Thu 9:15-11:15 a.m. (first semester) Thu 9:00-11:30 a.m. (second semester)	2 2.5	sliding fee	N/A
Stepping Stones	29-39 months	Fri 9:15-11:15 a.m. (first semester) Fri 9:00-11:30 (second semester)	2 2.5	sliding fee	N/A

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PRESCHOOL PLACE 15
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