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Mahtomedi Early Childhood

ECFE, Preschool, Parenting, and Screening









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SUPERVISOR MESSAGE

It brings me such joy to think about partnering with your family at the start of your child's educational career. Here at Mahtomedi, we are proud to serve our youngest learners from birth through age five and their wonderful caregivers. We've worked hard to create an inclusive, welcoming, and developmentally-appropriate learning environment where every single child feels valued, supported, and ready to explore.

Know that your child will be in excellent hands; all of our classes feature licensed early childhood educators, highly trained associates, and purposefully small class sizes. We firmly believe in a strong, collaborative community, which is why we partner so closely with you, the caregivers, to ensure every family feels heard and empowered.

We are excited to welcome your family into our programs for the 2026-2027 school year! We can't wait to see your child grow and thrive here.

Go Lil Zephs!



Angie Lundblad
Early Childhood Supervisor



Welcome to Early Childhood

(for children ages birth through entering Kindergarten)

From the moment your baby is born, the Mahtomedi Early Childhood Program is here for you, serving the community's youngest learners and their caregivers. Early Childhood is a collaborative effort between Mahtomedi Community Education and the district's Early Childhood Special Education (ESCE) program. We offer opportunities for both children and families to enhance their learning and development in ways that achieve positive outcomes and support a child's growth and development for school success.

Program Locations

Early Childhood classes and activities are available in two district locations:

Mahtomedi District Education Center (DEC)
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi

Wildwood Elementary (WW)
8698 75th Street North, Stillwater



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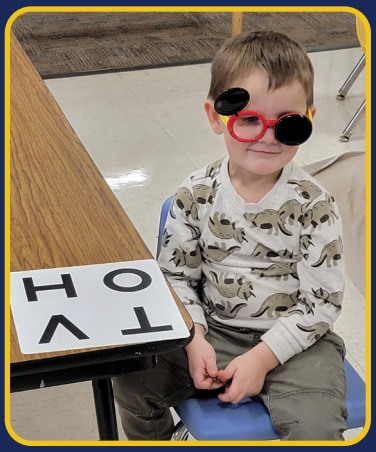
Early Childhood Screening is required by the State of Minnesota for all children prior to entering kindergarten.

The Mahtomedi School District provides this screening for children ages 3 to 5 years, at no charge. Screening in early childhood supports children's readiness for kindergarten and promotes health and development.

What to Expect:

An early childhood teacher will check these developmental areas:

- Vision & Hearing
- Height & Weight
- Large & Fine Motor Skills
- Thinking, language, and communication skills
- Social-Emotional Development
- Immunization Review



Registration:

Free screenings are held throughout the school year at the District Education Center.

To view open appointments and register, visit **mahtomedi.ce.eleyo** or call 651-407-2017 to make an appointment.

If an appointment date does not work for you, please contact our Early Childhood Outreach Facilitator, Jess Rehfeld, at jessica.rehfeld@isd832.net.

MAHTOMEDI AREA PRESCHOOL

Preschool is an exciting time for young learners. Mahtomedi Area Preschool (MAP) helps prepare students for the world of kindergarten.



MAP takes 3-5-year-olds through daily activities that strengthen social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development. The curriculum features exploration and discovery as a way of learning. Math, language, and literacy skills are sharpened in MAP, as is self-regulation. Along the way, children develop confidence, creativity, and lifelong critical-thinking skills.

Parent Aware



We are proud to be a **4-STAR PARENT AWARE** rated preschool!

We meet the HIGHEST level criteria when preparing children for kindergarten, as determined by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), in coordination with the Minnesota Departments of Education (MDE) and Health (MDH).

Mahtomedi Area Preschool
EXCELLENCE



Top-Rated Program
4-Star Parent-Aware-awarded preschool



Research-Backed Curriculum
Creative Curriculum, Conscious Discipline, and Handwriting Without Tears



Expert Staff
Licensed Early Childhood educators and experienced associates in every classroom



Whole-Child Assessment
COR Advantage used year-round to support school readiness



Inclusive Learning
Collaboration with Early Childhood Special Education for seamless inclusion practices



Strong Transitions
MAP and kindergarten staff partner to support a confident start to Kindergarten



Enriched Experiences
Differentiated learning and frequent in-house field trips

Nurturing Young Minds Through Play and Emotional Growth

Our preschool classrooms are grounded in play-based learning, giving children hands-on, creative opportunities to explore and grow through the Creative Curriculum for Preschool. We also use Conscious Discipline to help children name their feelings, practice calming strategies, and build essential social–emotional skills.

Serving All Children

We are an inclusive community where all children learn together. Our preschool classes welcome both typically developing children and those with special needs, creating shared experiences that honor each child's unique strengths, background, and culture.

Expanding Nature-Based Learning

Our program is excited to introduce a new nature-focused preschool class, offering students the opportunity to discover and learn while gaining respect and appreciation for our natural world in a half-day, mixed-age setting!

Outdoor learning strengthens children's minds, bodies, and social-emotional skills as they explore the world around them. If your child enjoys getting messy, discovering nature, and creating art, they'll thrive in this class! **Learn more about this new offering on page 7.**

Mahtomedi Area Preschool

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026

District Education Center
4:30-6 p.m.

Wildwood Elementary
5:30-7 p.m.



PRESCHOOL OPTIONS

4-year-old Classes

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2026

Full Day Preschool

This full-day, year-before-kindergarten program is designed to help children prepare to enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors necessary to be successful. Children who are 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year and are bathroom-independent are eligible to enroll. The curriculum is designed to address all areas of development and reinforce mastery of skills required for kindergarten readiness. Families can choose either five days per week or three days per week.

Five Days per Week

Monday-Friday
9:05 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
$1,100 per month
Wildwood Elementary

Three Days per Week

Monday/Wednesday/ Friday
9:05 a.m.-3:35 p.m.
$700 per month
Wildwood Elementary

Half Day Preschool
Lunch Bunch

This preschool class is focused on helping children become independent learners and preparing them to enter kindergarten with the skills to be successful. Children who are 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the current school year and are bathroom-independent are eligible to enroll. This class has a lunch bunch component. Students will go to the cafeteria and choose a school lunch or bring a lunch from home.

Tuesday/Thursday
9:05 a.m.-1:05 p.m.
$400 per month
Wildwood Elementary

NEW

Mixed Ages Nature Explorers (3-5-year-olds)

Children must be 3 years old by Jan. 1, 2026

This class includes the implementation of all our preschool curriculum components and assessments with an additional nature-based learning focus. While there is a designated indoor classroom area, this class aims to spend at least half of the day outside. Enrolled students are required to have appropriate clothing for cold weather, including insulated boots, and students must have a signed walking field trip permission form to participate in the program. Mahtomedi Area Preschool will provide students with rain suits. Students who are bathroom-independent are eligible to enroll.

Monday-Thursday
9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
$445 per month
District Education Center

Monday-Thursday
12:45-3:15 p.m.
$445 per month
District Education Center



PRESCHOOL OPTIONS



3-year-old Classes

Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2026

These classes focus on opportunities for students to practice social skills while learning how to interact in a preschool setting. Activities focus on sharing, taking turns, identifying emotions, and learning how to regulate big feelings. Students are introduced to numeracy, literacy, and large and small motor skills needed to become independent learners in a play-based setting.

Three Days per Week

Monday/Wednesday/ Friday
9:30 a.m.-noon
$330/month
District Education Center

Two Days per Week

Tuesday/Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon
$220/month
District Education Center

Preschool Registration

Enrollment Overview



Enrollment is not guaranteed and is based on space availability. After completing online registration, your child will be placed in pending approval status in the order registrations are received. You are not confirmed in the program until all required forms are received.

- Your credit card **will not be charged** until your child is confirmed in the program.
- To ensure timely processing, please submit all required documents within **10 business days** of your timestamped registration.
- Incomplete registrations after 10 business days will be **placed at the end of the enrollment queue.**
- Once approved, you will receive an **email confirmation.**

Watilists

After registrations meet the maximum number, additional registrations go onto the waitlist. You will be notified if space becomes available.

Registration Limits and Changes

- Students may only be registered for one preschool class.
- No additions to classes or class changes will be allowed between Aug. 10-Sept. 25, 2026.
- After Sept. 25, please contact 651-407-2441 for changes or questions.
- Class offerings may be adjusted based on enrollment needs.

Student Requirements

- Preschool students must be bathroom independent.
- Special circumstances are accommodated due to medical needs or children on an IEP.

Fees and Payment

- Annual preschool registration requires an $80 **non-refundable fee**.
- Monthly tuition is processed via auto-pay on the first business day of each month.

Required Forms

- **Birth Certificate:** Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate by email (larua.nersion@isd832.net) or fax (651-407-2025). Required for registration approval.
- **Immunization Records:** Updated records are **required annually.** Please fax to 651-407-2025, attn: Early Childhood
- **Early Childhood Screening:** All 4-year-old preschool students are required to have had an Early Childhood Screening or have an appointment scheduled.
- **Online Questionnaires:** All online questionnaires must be completed.
- **Student & Family Handbook:** The Student and Family Handbook must be reviewed and agreed to.

*To ensure timely processing, please submit all required documents within **10 business days** of your timestamped registration. Incomplete registrations after this timeframe will be placed at the end of the enrollment queue.*

Financial Assistance

All children should have the opportunity to attend preschool. Through state and local resources, MAP can help qualifying families attend programs. If, for any reason, a family situation is limiting the possibility of your child participating, please call Angie Lundblad at 651-407-2443 to discuss your circumstances. There are limited spots/class options for financial assistance.

Cancellation Policy

Preschool registration covers the entire school year, from Sept. through May.

- Cancellations made between June 30-July 31, 2026 will be charged a $75 cancellation fee.
- Cancellations made on or after Aug. 1, 2026 will be charged the first month's FULL tuition.
- Cancellations made mid-year require a two-week written notice and will be assessed an additional $50 fee.



REGISTER
for the 2026-27 Mahtomedi Area Preschool



PRIORITY REGISTRATION

- **Jan. 20-21**
  Currently-enrolled Mahtomedi Early Childhood families
- **Jan. 27-29**
  In-district families
- **Feb. 3**
  Open to public

Register at **mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com**

PRESCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from preschool is the responsibility of the family/caregiver.

Transportation option for Full Day Preschool families

- Fee-based transportation is available for 4 and 5-year-olds who live on existing district transportation routes and are enrolled in Full Day Preschool classes (9:05 a.m.-3:35 p.m.).
- An adult must be at the bus stop for drop-off and pick-up of preschool students.

For more information and to register for Full Day Preschool transportation, visit the MAP transportation webpage. **Transportation registration forms must be submitted to the Early Childhood Office by July 1, 2026.** Payment is due at registration.

Full Day Preschool Transportation Costs

Full Day Preschool Classes	Annual Cost per Preschool Family	Maximum Annual Cost per Preschool Family
Five days per week (Monday-Friday)	**$425**	**$835**
Three days per week (Monday/Wednesday/ Friday)	**$310**	**$605**

Financial Assistance

If your child qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price lunch, Full Day Preschool Transportation will be provided at no cost, given the family is on an existing district bus route. Call 651-407-2443 with questions.



Maximum Family Cost

The maximum cost is for Preschool Family students only and does not include district K-12 students.

Mahtomedi Early Childhood
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Mahtomedi Early Childhood Parent Advisory Council (PAC) assists in advising the development and planning of the programming we offer through Early Childhood. PAC consists of caregivers currently participating in the program, local community members, and agency representatives who offer input and guidance on community needs.

What does the Parent Advisory Council do?

- Recommend activities, classes, and services for families with young children
- Serves as a springboard for family involvement in the district
- Sponsors activities such as Open Gym, Field Trips, Vehicle Fair, and more
- Raises funds to support program activities

Why should I join the parent advisory council?

- Parent involvement is key to a child's educational success
- Expand your network of families with young children
- Be involved in decisions about the Early Childhood program
- Learn more about Mahtomedi Public Schools

PAC Meetings (including free childcare):

Feb. 10, 2026 and May 14, 2026
10–11 a.m.
DEC

Mahtomedi
Early Childhood
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Please email mahtomedipac@gmail.com if you plan to attend a meeting or to receive additional information about the group.

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Mahtomedi Public Schools' Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program is dedicated to nurturing strong beginnings and lifelong learning for young children and their families.

Designed for parents and children from birth to age five, our ECFE classes offer a supportive environment that fosters child development and strengthens family bonds. Through engaging activities, expert guidance, and a welcoming community, ECFE helps parents navigate the early years of parenting while providing children with a foundation for success in school and beyond.

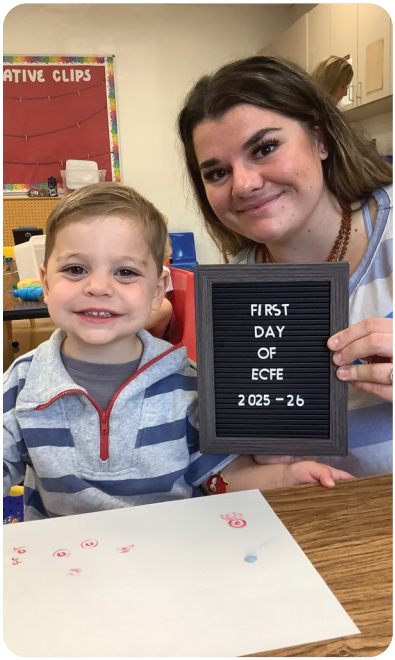
Join us, and discover a community committed to your family's growth and success!

Unless otherwise noted, ECFE classes are available to participants based on a sliding fee scale. For more information, see page 26.



ECFE Benefits

- ECFE builds on family strengths and supports families in their efforts to raise infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children.
- Classes strengthen family relationships and provide information and resources to parents.
- Families attend classes together to experience learning and prepare for preschool, kindergarten, and beyond.
- Classes are taught by licensed teachers and qualified teaching assistants.
- ECFE strives to build a strong partnership between home and school.



What to Expect

PARENT-CHILD TIME

Parents and their children enjoy time together exploring planned learning activities prepared by a licensed early childhood teacher. They discover new ideas, songs, games, and activities that can be repeated at home.

CHILD ACTIVITY TIME

Children join a licensed early childhood teacher in learning activities and practicing social skills while parents are involved in a discussion group. Children enjoy art, stories, music, movement, and more.

PARENT DISCUSSION

While children participate in activity time, parents meet in a group facilitated by a licensed parent educator, making connections and sharing information, ideas, and experiences related to child development and parenting.

ECFE Parent-Child Classes

All ECFE Classes are offered at the District Education Center (1520 Mahtomedi Ave.)

FREE

Now featuring postpartum guest speakers!

Babies Drop-In and Play

For babies birth to 12 months as of Sept. 1, 2026

Please join us on Wednesdays for this free baby class that includes activities, songs, rhymes, movement, and a caregiver discussion with a parent educator. This is an opportunity to receive free weekly baby weight checks, connect with other new parents, ask questions, discuss concerns, gain professional advice, and laugh, cry, and talk about life with your new baby. Classes are led by a licensed parent and family educator along with guest speakers, including WIC, public health, lactation, pediatrics, early intervention, and mental health specialists. Spend time with your little one exploring fun activities together, and meet others with children the same age. This class is for families and their babies; please do not bring siblings.

Registration helps us anticipate class sizes, but is not required to attend.

Wednesdays
12-1:30 p.m.
DEC - Room 109

Mahtomedi Minis

For children 12-24 months by Sept. 1, 2026

Caregiver-child activities are planned to help the toddler's developmental task of exploring the world. Caregiver discussion topics may include toddler frustrations, striving for independence, reading to your child, and sleep issues. In this ECFE class, a gradual caregiver-child separation will occur. Caregivers will spend time having a discussion led by a licensed parent educator. There are many milestones that happen for children ages 12-24 months. Join us as we learn and grow together.

Babies up to 6 months old can join caregivers in class.

Mondays
9:15-11 a.m.
Sliding fee scale
DEC - Room 109

Tuesdays
9:15-11 a.m.
Sliding fee scale
DEC - Room 109

Lil Zephs

For children 24-42 months by Sept. 1, 2026

In Lil Zephs, you and your child will participate in developmentally-appropriate activities in an engaging and welcoming environment. In this class, we celebrate developmental milestones such as self-regulation, independence, motor development, communication, and language development. This is a separating class where parents will spend time with a licensed parent educator. Separation takes place gradually and is part of the ECFE model.

Babies up to 6 months old can join caregivers in class.

Wednesdays
9:15-11:15 a.m.
Sliding fee scale
DEC - Room 109

Thursdays
9:15-11:15 a.m.
Sliding fee scale
DEC - Room 109

NEW

Multiage 1s and 2s Class (Non-Separating)

For children 12-35 months by Sept. 1, 2026

Jump into the wonderful world of all things toddlers. Students will engage in learning through age appropriate activities, including songs, movement, and stories for the range of ages in this class. In this class, you will be able to connect, play, and share experiences. This class is led by a licensed early childhood teacher.

Babies up to 6 months old can join caregivers in class.

Tuesdays
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Sliding fee scale
DEC - Room 109

Toddlers Playdates

For children 36 months and younger as of Sept. 1, 2026

Families are invited to drop in for open gym, games, and time to connect. A licensed parent educator will provide a small child group time and will be available to talk with caregivers. This is a drop-in class. No registration required.

Fridays
10:15-11:15 a.m.
DEC - Gym

Young Explorers

Young Explorers is an opportunity for children to become more confident and comfortable in a classroom setting. Children come to class without their caregiver and spend time with a licensed early education teacher. They practice skills such as sharing, problem-solving, and learning through play. Classroom activities focus on school-readiness skills. Families must be enrolled in an ECFE Parent/Child Class to participate in this class. Students do not need to be fully toilet-trained, but parents will be called to support diapering.

See session age requirements below.

SESSION 1

(must be 30 months by Sept. 1, 2026)
Fridays, Sept 25-Dec. 18
9:15-11:15 a.m.
$385
DEC - Room 109

SESSION 2

(must be 30 months by Jan. 1, 2027)
Registration opens Dec. 1, 2026
Fridays, Jan. 8-May 7
9:15-11:15 a.m.
$410
DEC - Room 109

ECFE Classes Registration

Enrollment

Class sizes are limited. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.



Required Forms

When you register for an ECFE class, you register for the entire school year. Registration includes:

- Completed **online registration with tuition payment.**
- All **questionnaires** completed online. *If you cannot register online, call 651-407-2441 to set up a time to register in person.*
- Up-to-date **immunization records.** *Class registrations are not processed without up-to-date immunization records each school year. Immunization records can be faxed directly from your clinic to 651-407-2025, attn: ECFE.*
- Your Community Education **account is paid in full.**

Register for 2026-27 ECFE

REGISTRATION OPENS

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
10 a.m.

mahtomedi.ce.eleyo.com



Tuition, Fees, and Policies

All families are welcome to participate in ECFE classes! The State of Minnesota requires all ECFE programs to use a sliding fee scale based on household income (see table below). No in-district family will be denied participation in parent-child classes due to inability to pay. To arrange a payment plan, call 651-407-2443.

Mahtomedi ECFE Sliding Fee Scale

Annual Household Income (Gross)	Annual Registration Fee
$100,000+	$585
$75,000-$99,999	$475
$50,000-$74,999	$355
$35,000-$49,999	$255
$20,000-$34,999	$175
$0-$19,999	$110



Cancellation Policy and Change Fees

- ECFE reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. Fees paid will be refunded.
- A class change fee of $15 will be charged for registration changes after classes have started.

Refunds

- Refunds will be issued if requested at least five business days before the class start date.
- A $15 service charge will be deducted from each refund processed.
- Refunds will not be issued after a class starts or for classes missed by participants.



FREE

CHILDHOOD RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

CONSULTATIONS

On-site, phone, virtual, or home consultations are available to all families. Consultations may include information on child development, parenting tips, activities for children, resources on community early childhood events, and more.

HOME VISITS

Home visits are offered to families with children from birth to age five (not yet in kindergarten). Our Outreach Facilitator will share information about community resources and talk about how children grow and develop, and how your child learns.

Contact our Early Childhood Outreach Facilitator to learn more and schedule a free consultation or home visit today.



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BE READY TO *REGISTER!*

Set up your family account on our
Eleyo Registration website

NEW ELEYO USERS

1 Set up your family account profile:

- Select *Sign Up* (top, right corner). If your email address is recognized as a previously registered user, please use the *Forgot Password* link to receive an emailed link to create a new password.
- Complete the Register a New Account Form, then select *Create Account*.

2 After setting up your profile:

- Select the *Community Education* link in the upper left area of the screen, select *Explore All Programs*, then select Your Dashboard.
- Add Family Members and Emergency Contacts.
- Eleyo will email you a link to verify your account.
- Use the *Verify Your Email Address* button on that email to verify your account.



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