

Look inside for a variety of half-day preschool options available to three- and four-year-olds living in School District 196.

# District 196 Connections PRESCHOOL



**Early childhood is a time of great discovery!**  
Support your child's growth by enrolling them in a district preschool program led by licensed early childhood teachers.

2017 | 2018

**Come! Learn! Play!**



## **Connect to Values: *Early Learning Beliefs***

Connections Preschool staff believe:

- Early childhood is a remarkable time of psychological, physical, social and academic development.
- Learning is a social process where children grow through play, exploration and inquiry.
- Families are a child's first and most influential teachers.
- Each child has unique strengths.
- Children thrive in a safe environment where their needs are met through mutual respect, nurturing and consistency.
- Strong family, school and community partnerships help ensure a child's success in school.

## **Connect to Skills: *What to Expect***

Young children are eager to learn and play. Every Connections Preschool class gives children an opportunity to interact with other children in fun, engaging activities while learning important skills. The Connections Preschool curriculum supports young children in developing skills in the following areas: creativity and the arts, language and literacy, mathematical and scientific thinking, physical and motor, and social and emotional. Children assume increasing personal responsibility and independence as they grow and develop.

- All programs are half day, offered September 2017 through June 2018.
- All classrooms have a sliding fee scale. Families may request financial assistance.
- All classrooms are collaborative with our Early Childhood Special Education programs.

## **Connect with Quality: *Licensed Teachers***

All Connections Preschool teachers are employees of School District 196, and are licensed by the Minnesota Department of Education in Early Childhood Education. Teachers build learning by individualizing activities and carefully choosing materials, offering ideas and interacting with children in preparation for K-12 learning.

## **Connect with School: *Prepare for Kindergarten***

Children will build relationships with others while learning important developmental and prekindergarten skills. Connections Preschool curriculum is aligned with the School District 196 K-12 curriculum and the State of Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress. Preschool supports families with engagement activities, open communication and transition to kindergarten opportunities.

## **Connect with Home: *Parents as Partners***

Parents are children's first and most important teachers. Parent involvement is key to ensuring children's school success, now and in the future. We offer a variety of programs for adults and children to meet the needs of all families, including Family School, a class for adults learning English and their children ages six weeks to four years; and Preschool Discovery, a gradual transition preschool for three-year-olds.

## **Screening and Immunization Information**

- **Early Childhood Screening:** Before entering Preschool For Fours, children must complete a free early childhood developmental screening which is provided by the school district. If your child has not been screened please call 651-423-7899 for an appointment.
- **Immunizations:** Children's immunizations must be current. Contact your child's clinic or the Dakota County Public Health Department at [www.co.dakota.mn.us](http://www.co.dakota.mn.us) or 952-891-7528 to learn about immunization requirements.



### **Family School**

Family School is a preschool option for families where parents attend classes to develop English skills while children attend preschool. Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings. Call 952-388-1980 for more information.

# CONNECTIONS PRESCHOOL OPTIONS FOR THREES

## Location of all classes:

Dakota Valley Learning Center (DVLC),  
4679 144th Street W., Apple Valley

- Children must live in School District 196.
- Tuition assistance is available.
- Visit [www.district196.org/ecfe](http://www.district196.org/ecfe) for more information.
- Questions? Call 952-388-1960 or email [ConnectionsPreschool@District196.org](mailto:ConnectionsPreschool@District196.org).



## Preschool for Threes

Preschool for three year olds is a nine month program that gives students the opportunity to develop relationships with other children while learning important skills. All teachers are licensed by the Minnesota Department of Education in Early Childhood Education. Preschool for Threes is limited to children who are **three years old by September 1, 2017**.

<b>Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday</b>	<b>Monday and Wednesday</b>	<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>
8:15-10:15am • 9:45-11:45am	1:45-3:45pm	1:45-3:45pm
10:45am-12:45pm • 1:45-3:45pm		

## Preschool Discovery

Preschool Discovery is a nine month program that focuses on the transition to preschool for both parent and child. It combines an ECFE class with a preschool experience. Classes meet Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Children attend both days, and parents attend either Mondays or Tuesdays depending on class enrollment. Children experience a preschool program led by licensed early childhood teachers. Parents meet with a licensed parent educator to discuss topics such as self- esteem, discipline and development. As an intentional transition program, Preschool Discovery is open to children who are **three years old by November 30, 2017**.

### Monday and Wednesday

12:45-3:15pm • DVLC

(Parents attend on Monday)

Please arrange alternate care for siblings on parent days, care is **not** available on site for this section.

### Tuesday and Thursday

1:15-3:45pm • DVLC

(Parents attend on Tuesday)

Sibling child care available for children 9 weeks- prekindergarten on site in **this section only**, space is limited. Tuition is \$45.00 per child, per month for nine months. Fee is nonrefundable if child is absent.

Classes for 3-year-olds	Mornings	Afternoons	Days offered	Monthly tuition
Preschool for Threes	8:15-10:15am 9:45-11:45am 10:45am-12:45pm	1:45-3:45pm	T, W, Th	\$150
Preschool for Threes		1:45-3:45pm	M, W	\$100
Preschool for Threes		1:45-3:45pm	T, Th	\$100
Preschool Discovery		12:45-3:15pm	M, W	\$125
Preschool Discovery		1:15-3:45pm	T, Th	\$125
Preschool Discovery Sibling Care		1:15-3:45pm	T	\$45

# CONNECTIONS PRESCHOOL FOR THREES & PRESCHOOL DISCOVERY APPLICATION FORM

## Child's information (last name, first name)

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
 Primary language spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early Childhood Screening:  Yes  Not yet screened

## #1 Parent/guardian information (last name, first name)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
 Address, city, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

## #2 Parent/guardian information (last name, first name)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
 Address, city, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

## Class preferences: check all options that would work for you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Wed/Thu<br>8:15-10:15am<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Wed/Thu<br>10:45am-12:45pm |  |  | <b>Preschool for Threes</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Wed/Thu<br>9:45-11:45am<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Wed/Thu<br>1:45-3:45pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon/Wed<br>1:45-3:45pm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Thu<br>1:45-3:45pm | <b>Preschool Discovery</b><br>(with parent day)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mon/Wed<br>12:45-3:15pm<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue/Thu<br>1:15-3:45pm | <b>Preschool Discovery</b><br><b>Sibling Care</b><br>(check only if requesting)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tue<br>1:15-3:45pm |
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## Name and date of birth for each child who will be in Preschool Discovery Sibling Care • Tuesdays, 1:15-3:45 only

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_

## Tuition

- I will pay the full class tuition  
 I will need help paying the tuition. If checked you must fill in the box below for any items that apply.

### ONLY COMPLETE IF REQUESTING TUITION ASSISTANCE:

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of parents and children in your family  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Total monthly income (include all family income, including wages, child support, subsidies)

### Check any of the following public assistance programs that your family currently qualifies for:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Support (SNAP)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program (FRLP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless                                  |

Families may be asked to provide proof of income or public assistance participation.  
 All information provided is confidential.

## Submit completed application form by March 31, 2017

• Preferred Registration Method: online at [www.District196.org/ecfe](http://www.District196.org/ecfe)

• Mail or Drop-off: District 196 Connections Preschool, DVLC, 4679 144th Street W., Apple Valley, MN 55124

## Next Steps:

- Applications received by March 31st will have placement reviewed and families will receive a confirmation phone call, letter or email by the end of April.
- Families of children who are not placed in a classroom by the end of April will be notified by letter and their child will remain on a waiting list for future openings.



# CONNECTIONS PRESCHOOL OPTIONS FOR FOURS

- Children must live in School District 196
- Children must be four years old by September 1, 2017 and not be eligible for kindergarten.
- Children will be placed in the closest school to their home address unless alternate placement is requested.
- Tuition assistance available.
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## Preschool for Fours

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### TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Classes for 4-year-olds	Mornings	Afternoons	Days offered	Monthly tuition
Cedar Park Elementary (at Cedar Valley Learning Center, 14420 Glenda Drive, Apple Valley)		12:55-3:25pm*	M-F	\$210
Dakota Valley Learning Center (4679 144th Street W., Apple Valley)		12:15-2:45pm	M,W,F	\$170
		1:10-3:40pm	T,W,Th	\$170
East Lake (4715 162nd St. W., Lakeville)	9:25-11:55am	1:15-3:45pm	M-F	\$210
Echo Park (14100 County Road 11, Burnsville)	9:25-11:55am*	1:15-3:45pm*	M-F	\$210
Glacier Hills Elementary (at Northview Elementary, 965 Diffley Road, Eagan)		1:05-3:35pm*	M-F	\$210
Greenleaf Elementary (at Thomas Lake Elementary, 4350 Thomas Lake Road, Eagan)	9:30am-noon*	12:55-3:25pm*	M-F	\$210
Highland Elementary (14001 Pilot Knob Road, Apple Valley)	8:25-10:55am	12:05-2:35pm	T,W,Th	\$170
Northview (965 Diffley Road, Eagan)	9:40am-12:10pm		M-F	\$210
Oak Ridge Elementary (4350 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Eagan)	9:25-11:55am		M,W,F	\$170
		1:15-3:45pm*	M-F	\$210
Southview Elementary (1025 Whitney Drive, Apple Valley)	8:40-11:10am*		M-F	\$210
		12:30-3pm	T,W,Th	\$170
Westview Elementary (225 Garden View Drive, Apple Valley)	9:20-11:50am	1:15-3:45pm*	T,W,Th	\$170
		1:15-3:45pm*	M-F	\$210
Pinewood (4300 Dodd Road, Eagan)	9:25-11:55am	1:15-3:45pm	T,W,Th	\$170

\* Transportation available within neighborhood attendance boundary only.

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Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address, city, state, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Class preferences: check all options that would work for you.** (Children will be placed at their neighborhood or closest school to home address unless requested below in reason given.)

Time of day:  Morning  Afternoon  Either

Days of week: 3 days a week:  M/W/F  T/W/Th 5 days a week:  M-F

Name of neighborhood school: \_\_\_\_\_

(Locate your neighborhood school at: <http://www.district196.org/District/EducationSchools/EnrollingYourchild.cfm>)

My child needs placement at a school other than my neighborhood school (see grid at left for options)

School Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

## Transportation (Note information in grid to left)

- I will provide transportation for my child.  
 My child is able to attend preschool only if transportation is provided.  
 My child will not be transported from our home address but from: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fee assistance (select one)

- I will pay the full class tuition.  
 I will need help paying the tuition. If checked you must fill in the box below for any items that apply.

ONLY COMPLETE IF REQUESTING TUITION ASSISTANCE:

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