

WELCOME

to Hopkins Preschools

Inspiring a love for discovery and learning in our students

Reggio Emilia inspired curriculum develops curiosity and discovery

Hopkins Preschools and Stay & Explore extended day program are inspired by the signature Reggio Emilia approach. Developed in Italy, this educational philosophy is designed to provide a foundation for lifelong learning. Our preschool programs help your child learn critical thinking skills while developing social skills. Projects often originate from children's interests or ideas, and teachers support and guide the project into an academic and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) focus as we prepare children for kindergarten.

Reggio inspires deeper academic thinking — here's how:

Children notice their shadows while playing outside in the natural outdoor playscape areas. Their teacher observes this and documents it as a learning opportunity. She brings a group of children together and encourages the children to think about what they observed. The teacher asks questions such as: "What is a shadow?" and "When do you see shadows?" As the children show an increased interest in this project, it leads to exploration of shadows several times throughout the day to see if the children can form hypotheses about what it takes to make a shadow. As the project evolves, the teacher guides the shadow activities into the following academic and STEM related areas:

- Math:** Measuring shadows and graphing heights of shadows at different times of the day.
- Art:** Drawing, painting, and sculpting an object and its shadow, and making shadow puppets on craft sticks.
- Science:** Conducting experiments such as hanging colored translucent materials in the classroom window to change the color of shadows.
- Music/Creative Dramatics:** Listening to songs about light/dark and shadows, and using shadow puppets to invent stories or plays.
- Literacy:** Reading books about light and shadows, and helping the children create their own books.
- STEM:** Using iPads to search and learn more about shadows. Setting up a shadow screen and projectors to create indoor shadows. Dropping colored droplets of water onto an overhead projector to see the shadows created. Building with translucent bricks on a light table and noting the colors and shadows.

Guided by our nurturing teachers, children learn to think more critically while attaining turn-taking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills through small and large group activities.

Great communication with our families is a key to our success!

Families are an important part of our program. In addition to daily highlights and family conferences twice a year, our families receive regular newsletters with recaps and previews of activities.

We are proud to have earned a 4-star rating from Parent Aware

We are proud to have a 4-star rating for each of our preschool programs. To earn a 4-star rating schools must prove they are excelling in the use of best practices in preparing children for kindergarten in the following ways: Obtaining extra in-depth training for staff; building strong, caring relationships with each child; adopting the latest approaches in keeping children's learning on focus; focusing on children's health and safety; and committing to programming that best supports children's learning and growing. Call 952-988-5000 to arrange a tour!



Register online at: HopkinsSchools.org/preschool • 952-988-5000

Hopkins Preschools



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2019-20 locations:

- Stepping Stones Preschool:** M-F, 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m., year before kindergarten
- Gatewood Elementary,** 14900 Gatewood Drive, Minnetonka, 55345
- L.H. Tanglen Elementary,** 10901 Hillside Lane, Minnetonka, 55305
- Meadowbrook Elementary,** 5430 Glenwood Avenue, Golden Valley, 55422

Kaleidoscope Preschool:

- Half-day, part-week, 3- to 5-year-olds**
- Alice Smith Elementary,** 801 Minnetonka Mills Rd., Hopkins
- Eisenhower Elementary,** 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins
- Gatewood Elementary,** 14900 Gatewood Dr., Minnetonka
- Glen Lake Elementary,** 4801 Woodridge Rd., Minnetonka, 55345
- Harley Hopkins Family Center,** 125 Monroe Avenue South, Hopkins, 55343
- Meadowbrook Elementary,** 5430 Glenwood Avenue, Golden Valley, 55422

Stay & Explore extended-day program:

- 4- to 5-year-olds**
- Alice Smith Elementary,** 801 Minnetonka Mills Rd., Hopkins, 55343
- Eisenhower Elementary,** 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins, 55305
- Gatewood Elementary,** 14900 Gatewood Dr., Minnetonka
- Harley Hopkins Family Center,** 125 Monroe Avenue South, Hopkins, 55343
- Meadowbrook Elementary,** 5430 Glenwood Avenue, Golden Valley, 55422

● **2019 Summer Sites:** Changes may occur dependent on District initiatives.



2019 Hopkins Summer Preschools

Full- and half-day options



Kaleidoscope Summer Adventure

• Half-day program for 3- to 5-year-olds

Dates: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, June 18-July 18, 2019, 9:00-11:30 a.m. No classes held during week of July 4.

Location: L. H. Tanglen Elementary

Tuition: \$250. **Limited financial assistance is available for qualifying families.**

Fill your child's summer mornings with preschool fun and learning! Join us for hands-on learning experiences with books, literacy activities, songs, games, art, STEM, dramatic play, and outdoor exploration. Sections may be divided by age, depending on enrollment.

Register: Online registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 11, 2019. In-District families have priority registration until Feb. 14 at 7:59 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 14, out-of-District registrations will be processed. At that point, all registrations will be processed on a space-available basis.

Stepping Stones Summer Before Kindergarten

Full-day program for 4- to 5-year-olds.

Dates: Monday-Friday, June 14-August 21, 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Location: Gatewood and Meadowbrook

Tuition: 3 payments of \$920 which includes breakfast, lunch, snack, and field trips.

Make the most of your child's summer before kindergarten! Stepping Stones offers an enriching summer preschool experience designed for children entering kindergarten in fall 2019.

Register: Stepping Stones online registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis beginning Feb. 11.

For available openings, please call 952-988-5000 or visit HopkinsSchools.org/Preschool

2019-20 school-year and full-year preschool information inside.



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Ready for a world of discovery and learning?

Experience Hopkins Preschools



Visit us at our January open house events.

You belong in Hopkins Preschools!

Full-day Stepping Stones • Half-day Kaleidoscope • Extended-day Stay & Explore options

Hopkins preschools are unparalleled

At Hopkins, your child will discover a welcoming environment designed to create excitement around learning. Our Reggio Emilia-based curriculum promotes curiosity, collaborative learning, and the development of the whole child.

Flexible options, including full-day and half-day preschool options, plus extended-day program

Choose from school-year, summer, or year-round options. Add Stay & Explore extended-day options to your child's half-day preschool session for flexibility when you need it. We're conveniently located at seven sites in Minnetonka, Hopkins, and Golden Valley. Our full-day Stepping Stones Preschool option is open from 6:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Meet us at our January open houses

Come visit us to experience why our families consistently rate us as exceeding their expectations. January open house *Visit Us* dates are listed below. Reserve your child's space in Hopkins Preschools today!

What makes our Hopkins Preschools exceptional:

- **Curriculum.** Our discovery-based curriculum is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach. The curriculum expands on the interests of our students and guides them into deeper academic and social learning experiences.
- **The environment.** Creative, engaging classrooms and nature-oriented playgrounds encourage exploration and inspire our youngest learners.
- **Our well-trained teachers.** Not only do all of our lead teachers hold a master's or bachelor's degree, they have extensive experience in creating nurturing surroundings that spark curiosity and enhance learning.
- **Social and emotional growth.** Children make academic and social connections to school, while creating long-lasting relationships with peers and caring educators.
- **Preparation for kindergarten.** Our preschool program prepares children for kindergarten and beyond, and inspires a lifelong love for learning and discovering.

Explore our classrooms, meet our teachers

Visit us! January open house event dates:

Full day Stepping Stones Preschool:

Gatewood: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 5:30-7 p.m.

Tanglen: Thursday, Jan. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Half-day, 2-5 days/week Kaleidoscope Preschool:

Eisenhower: Tuesday, Jan. 8, 4-5 p.m.

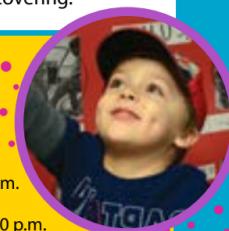
Alice Smith: Monday, Jan. 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Gatewood: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Glen Lake Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1-2 p.m.

Alice Smith: Thursday, Jan. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Harley Hopkins Family Center Friday, Jan. 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m.



Hopkins Community Education: Building a great place to live

Early Childhood Programs

952-988-5000

Half-day program: Kaleidoscope Preschool, ages 3-5

Half-Day • 2-5 days per week • Saturday Preschool • Extend your child's day with Stay & Explore options

Kaleidoscope Preschool offers parents a choice of classes that are two, three, four, or five half-days per week for children ages 3-5. Kaleidoscope school-year program runs from September to May. *Current Kaleidoscope families have priority registration for 2019-20.*

Dates: September 9, 2019 to June 5, 2020.

Locations: Alice Smith, Eisenhower, Gatewood, Glen Lake, Harley Hopkins Family Center, Meadowbrook.

Tuition: Kaleidoscope tuition ranges from \$190 per month to \$418 per month depending on your section choice (see section choices below or call for space availability).

Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families.

2019-20 Half-Day Kaleidoscope Preschool options for 3- to 5-year-olds

Add Stay & Explore extended-day options at select sites to customize your child's schedule.

Harley Hopkins Family Center classes for 3's, 4's & 5's

Children must be 3 years old by the first day of class.

Section A: 3's-4's	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	9:00-11:30 am
Section C: 3's-4's	\$259/month
M, T, W	9:15-11:45 am
Section D: 3's-5's	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	1:15-3:45 pm
Section F: 3's-4's	\$259/month
M, T, W	1:00-3:30 pm
Section H:	\$259/month
M, T, W	9:15-11:45 am
Section I: 3's-5's	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	1:15-3:45 pm

Harley Year Before Kindergarten(YBK) Classes

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

*Section B: YBK	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	1:00-3:30 pm
Section E: YBK	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	9:00-11:30 am
Section J: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	8:30-11:30 am

Harley Stay & Explore options run:

M, T, W, Th, F 11:30 am-6:00 pm

Harley Saturday for 3-5 years: 8-week sessions

Children must be 3 years old by first day of class.

Sat., Sept. 28-Nov. 23 (no class Oct. 19)	\$140
Sat., Jan. 18-Mar. 7	\$140

Alice Smith Year Before Kindergarten (YBK) classes

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

Section 9: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:30 am-12:00 pm
Section 10: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:30-4:00 pm
Section 11: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:30 am-12:00 pm
Section 12: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:30-4:00 pm
Alice Smith Stay & Explore options run:	
M, T, W, Th, F	6:45 am-6:00 pm

*This section's age range may change to 3- to 5-year-olds

Eisenhower: Year Before Kindergarten (YBK) classes

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

Section 1: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:00-11:30 am
Section 2: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:00-11:30 am
Section 3: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:00-3:30 pm
Section 4: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:00-3:30 pm

Eisenhower Stay & Explore options run:
M, T, W, Th, F 6:45-6:00 pm

Gatewood: Year Before Kindergarten (YBK) classes

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

Section 5: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:30 am-12:00 pm
Section 6: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:30 am-12:00 pm
Section 7: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:30-4:00 pm
Section 8: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	1:30-4:00 pm

Gatewood Stay & Explore options run:
M, T, W, Th, F 6:45-6:00 pm

Glen Lake

Children must be 3 years old by first day of class.

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

Section G: 3's-4's	\$190/month
W, F	9:30 am-12:00 pm
Section GL: YBK	\$259/month
M, T, Th	9:30 am-12:00 pm

Meadowbrook

Children must be 3 years old by first day of class.

Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2019 to enroll in a YBK section.

Section M: 3's-4's	\$259/month
M, T, W	9:45 am-12:45 pm
Section MB: YBK	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	1:15-3:45 pm
Section R: 3's-5s	\$333/month
M, T, W, Th	1:15-3:45 pm
Section S: YBK	\$418/month
M, T, W, Th, F	9:45 am-12:15 pm

Meadowbrook Stay & Explore options run:
M, T, W, Th, F 6:45-6:00 pm

Extended-day program: Stay & Explore, ages 4-5

Extend your child's Kaleidoscope Preschool day with flexible options • Full-day options at select sites!

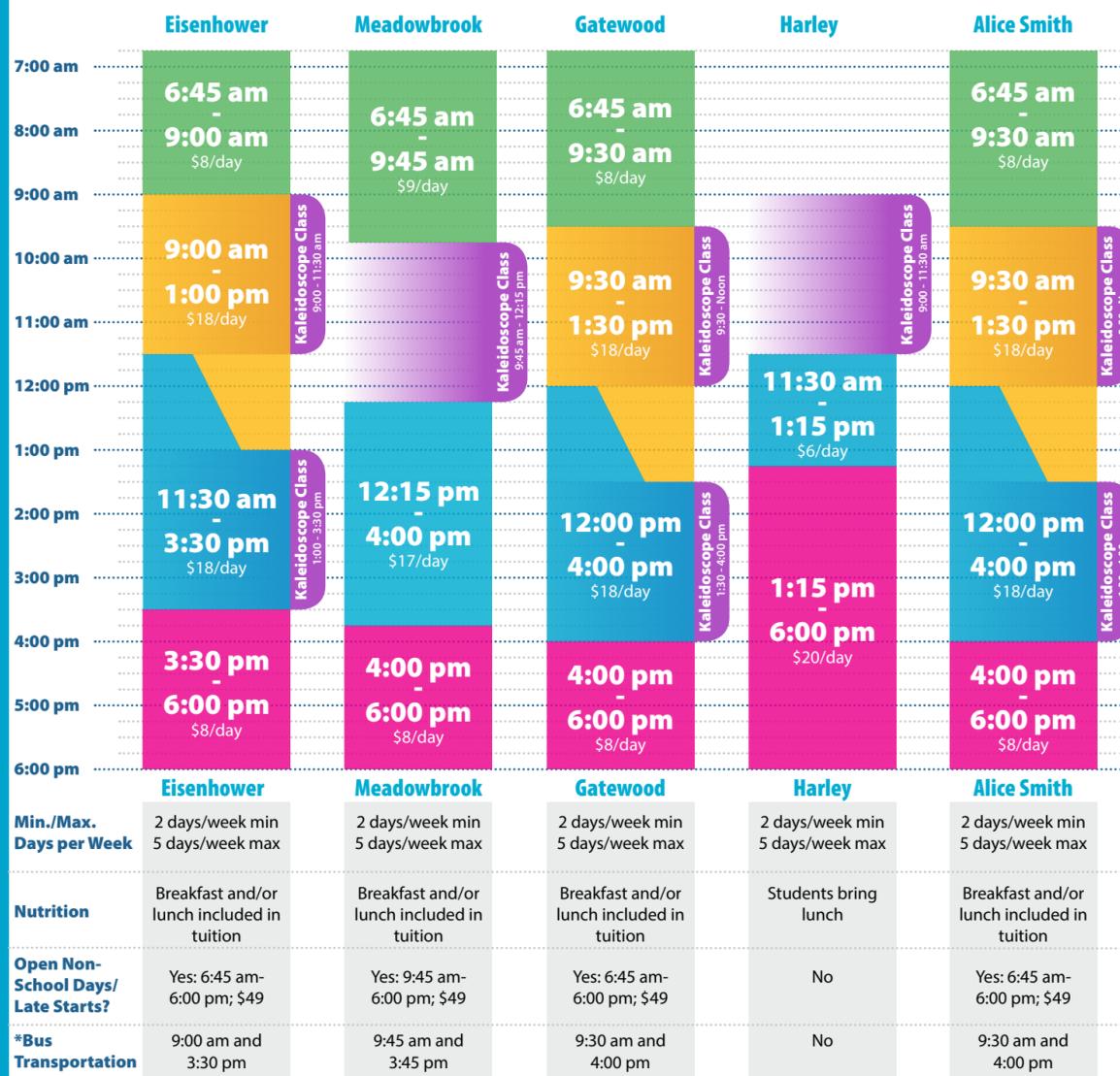
YBK classes at select sites offer Stay & Explore options to extend your child's half-day Kaleidoscope Preschool class. Build a custom schedule to fit your needs. Options vary by site. See the chart below for the options available at your site.

Register: Step 1: Register for your Kaleidoscope class choice. **Step 2:** When your Kaleidoscope registration is confirmed by email, you may then register for the Stay & Explore options available at your site. Stay & Explore registration opens March 1.

Need help paying for Stay and Explore? Visit www.thinksmall.org for help paying for child care.

Questions? Contact Kathy Willett at 952-988-5004 or email Kathy.Willett@HopkinsSchools.org

2019-20 Stay & Explore extended-day options



Full-day program: Stepping Stones Preschool, ages 4-5

Year before kindergarten • Monday-Friday • 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Stepping Stones Preschool is a year-before-kindergarten experience that provides full-day programming, with a school-year or year-round option. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2019.

Dates: Program runs from September 4 to June 5 (school-year) or September to August 19 (full year).

Locations: Gatewood Elementary, L.H. Tanglen, and Meadowbrook Elementary.

Tuition: 2019-20 full-year tuition is twelve payments of \$1,010 • School-year-only tuition is nine payments of \$1,045.

2019-20 Hopkins Preschools registration information

Registration opens online on Monday, Feb. 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Registration & Program Information

Hopkins Preschools online registration opens on Feb. 11, 8:00 a.m.

Online registrations will be accepted in the order received. *There will not be a lottery registration.*

In-District families have priority registration until Feb. 14 at 7:58 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 14, out-of-District family registrations will be processed. From that point forward, all registrations will be processed on a space-available basis.

Changes: Class sizes, pricing, staffing, locations, or programming may be changed at any time during the course of the year if there are enrollment fluctuations, if class needs warrant change, or District initiatives warrant location change. Families will be given the first opportunity to move into other program openings if a class must be canceled or altered.

Tuition, Deposit, and other Fee Policies

Preschool Deposit: One month's tuition for Kaleidoscope (check course section for monthly tuition) or \$500 for Stepping Stones is due as a deposit for School Year/Full Year 2019-20. This deposit will be applied to your child's last month of tuition. This deposit is refundable only until July 15, 2019.

Tuition: Kaleidoscope and Stepping Stones tuition are billed in equal monthly payments based on your selected program option. Tuition is due by the first of the month.

Non-refundable registration fee and drop fee: There is a one-time, non-refundable \$30 registration-processing fee, which must accompany the application for Stepping Stones and Kaleidoscope school year programs. There is a \$30 processing fee charged for dropping Kaleidoscope Summer Adventures after your registration has been accepted.

Late fee: A \$15 late fee will be assessed on all accounts past due as of the 10th of the month.

Financial assistance: Limited tuition assistance for Kaleidoscope Preschool is available for qualifying families through the School Readiness program (952-988-5000). The Stepping Stones program accepts Hennepin County Childcare Assistance (612-348-5937) and MN State Early Learning Scholarships (651-641-6604). Visit www.ThinkSmall.org as a resource for help with child care costs.

If you need financial assistance for Kaleidoscope Preschool, register online on or after Feb. 11, 2019. Then, you must come to the Early Childhood Programs office located at Harley Hopkins Family Center, 125 Monroe Ave S, Hopkins, before March 1, 2019. Please bring proof of income (2 recent consecutive pay stubs) and complete the required forms. If proof of income is not submitted by March 1, 2019, you will be billed for the full cost of the program.

For registrations completed after the initial registration period, proof of income must be received within 2 weeks of registration or the full cost of the program will be billed to you.

Withdrawing from program: If you need to leave the program during the school year, we require a written 30 day notice of withdrawal. At that time, this deposit will be used as your last month's tuition.

Stepping Stones families earn a two-week tuition credit if a family chooses the full year program and attends continually from September to August. This credit will be applied to your last 2 weeks of the program and may be used any time during the course of the year. Monthly fee is calculated on an annual basis. Your tuition may be altered if you change contracts after school starts.

Questions? Please contact Preschool Programs Supervisor, Kathy Willett, at 952-988-5004 or email Kathy.Willett@HopkinsSchools.org.



See 2019 Summer preschool information on reverse side.