Welcome to Early Childhood Education Birth to Age 5!

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) and Duluth Preschool are programs of Duluth Community Education, with a mission of lifelong learning.

We understand that parents are a child’s first and most important teachers. We partner with our parents and families to offer the very best in early childhood and family education. Our team of parent educators and early childhood teachers offer support and education for your child and your family. Please join us for a parent/infant class, a class for you and your on-the-move toddler, or one of our preschool classes.

We are eager to welcome your family and young children as an important part of our school communities.

What Happens in ECFE?

All Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs include parent education, early childhood education, and parent-child interaction.

- Parent education time: Guided by a licensed parent educator. Conversations are focused on research-based curriculum, relate to child and parent development and are tailored to meet parent and family needs.
- Parent-child time: Time in the children’s classroom for parents and children to play and learn together in a safe and educational environment.
- Early childhood classroom time: Children will have time to play with their peers and enjoy activities planned by a licensed early childhood teacher.
- Sibling care: Sibling care is offered, for your convenience, to siblings of class participants. You must register your children for sibling care.
- Parent Advisory Council: Parents are given the opportunity to be part of site and citywide advisory council to offer their input around programming.
- Family events: Offered throughout the year at various locations.
- Home visits: Offered to families who are not able to attend a class or have a need to address individual child, parent, or family needs.

Duluth Early Childhood Programs

Duluth Early Childhood Main Office:
215 N. 1st Ave. E
Duluth, MN 55802
218-336-8815
earlychildhood@isd709.org

Check us out online!
www.isd709.org
(SCHOOL & PROGRAMS/Opportunities/
Pre-school Birth to Age 5)
earlychildhood@isd709.org

What are the Benefits of ECFE?

For Parents & Families:
• Information on child development
• Strategies for effective limit-setting and teaching
• Strategies for balancing work & family & managing stress
• Familiarity with community resources for families with young children
• Comfort with schools and understanding the parent role in supporting kindergarten readiness and long-term school success
• Focused time for parents and children to learn & explore in an early childhood environment

For Schools & Communities
• Parents who have positive connections to schools and other community programs
• Parents who are engaged and ready for leadership in schools
• Enhanced social connections and informal support between families in the community
• Community norms for appropriate and effective discipline for young children


**MIXED AGES**

Mixed Ages classes are a great opportunity for families with more than one child to be able to experience ECFE. Classes start with parent-child activity time. Parents and children are able to play and learn together in a safe and educational environment. During the Parent Ed time, children will stay with the early childhood teacher and staff. This is an opportunity for children to play with peers and enjoy activities in all areas of development. Parents attend a discussion group led by a Parent Educator. The parent group includes information on developmental, age-related concerns and allows time to get to know other parents. Sibling care available - registration required. See Registration Page 39.

**Mondays:**
- L4 Lester Park 6:00-7:00 0-4 Year Olds
- P2 Piedmont 11:30-12:30 0-4 Year Olds
- S1 Stowe 9:00-10:00 0-4 Year Olds
- S3 Stowe 6:00-7:00 0-4 Year Olds

**Tuesdays:**
- L7 Lester Park— outdoor focus 3:30-4:30 0-4 Year Olds
- L8 Lester Park 6:00-7:00 0-4 Year Olds
- G6 Piedmont 9:00-10:00 0-4 Year Olds
- P6 Piedmont 6:00-7:00 0-4 Year Olds
- W1 Washington 9:00-10:00 0-4 Year Olds
- W2 Washington 11:30-12:30 0-4 Year Olds

**PARENT/INFANT**

Babies learn best by interacting with the people and objects in their environment. Learn about the importance of these early years and what you can do to promote healthy development. Parent/Infant classes include parent-and-baby activity time, parent discussion time, and time to connect with other parents. Parent/Infant classes are non-separating classes.

**Mondays:**
- P3 Piedmont 3:00-4:00 0-12 Month Olds
- P4 Piedmont 5:30-6:30 0-12 Month Olds

**Wednesdays:**
- L10 Lester Park 10:30-11:30 0-12 Month Olds
- W3 Washington 1st Year Program 1:30-2:30 0-12 Month Olds

**ADOPTIVE & FOSTER PARENTING**

Join discussions that are unique to you as an adoptive or foster parent. Enjoy conversation with others who may be experiencing similar joys and challenges of parenting. This weekly discussion is led by a licensed Parent Educator.

- Wednesdays 11:00-12:30
- Piedmont Elementary
- Begins September 16th

To register: fill out the registration form on page 39.

**FIRST YEAR PROGRAM**

This program assists first-time parents, 18 and over, who have limited support during the critical transition time between pregnancy and parenthood. This class meets on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 at Washington Center. If you know of a family who would benefit from this program, or would like more information, please contact our office: 218-336-8815 or earlychildhood@isd709.org.

**NORTHLAND FOUNDATION**

The First Year and Child Care Provider Mentorship Programs are offered in collaboration with grants from the Northland Foundation.

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER MENTORSHIP**

A licensed early childhood or parent educator provides monthly visits to in-home child care providers to provide enrichment activities for children and educational mentorship and support for the provider. Please contact our office if you are interested in this FREE opportunity. Spaces are limited. 218-336-8815 or earlychildhood@isd709.org

**HOME VISITS**

ECFE offers home visits to families who cannot attend class or would benefit from a parent educator visiting them at home to address individual child, parent, or family needs. If you have questions about home visiting, please contact the ECFE office: 218-336-8815 or earlychildhood@isd709.org
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Session #2: PI2
Wednesday 2:30-3:30
Nov 11, 18, 25, Dec 2, 9, 16

Session #3: PI3
Wednesday 2:30-3:30
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10

Session #4: PI4
Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30
Feb 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Session #5: PI5
Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30
April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19

ONE YEAR OLDS
Your toddler’s road to independence has begun. Enjoy time playing with your toddler in a safe and educational environment. Children will have time to play with peers and enjoy activities in all areas of development, while parents engage in a discussion led by a licensed Parent Educator. The parent group includes information on developmental and age-related concerns and allows time to get to know other parents. We realize separation from one year olds can be difficult. One-year-old classes will begin gradual separation when each group is ready.
Sibling care available - registration required.

Mondays:
L1 Lester Park 9:00-10:00 1 Year Olds
L3 Lester Park 3:30-4:30 1 Year Olds

Tuesdays:
L5 Lester Park 9:00-10:00 1 Year Olds
P5 Piedmont 3:30-4:30 1 Year Olds

Thursdays:
P9 Piedmont 9:00-10:00 1 Year Olds

TWO YEAR OLDS
Two-year-old classes start with parent-child activity time. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a safe and educational environment. While parents meet nearby, children stay with the early childhood teacher and staff. They have the opportunity to play with peers and enjoy activities in all areas of development. Parents attend a discussion group led by a licensed Parent Educator. The parent group includes information on developmental and age-related concerns and allows time to get to know other parents.
Sibling care available - registration required.

Mondays:
P1 Piedmont 9:00-10:00 2 Year Olds

Tuesdays:
L6 Lester Park 11:30-12:30 2 Year Olds

Wednesdays:
P7 Piedmont 9:00-10:00 2 & 3 Year Olds

Thursdays:
L11 Lester Park 9:00-10:00 2 Year Olds
P10 Piedmont 11:30-12:30 2 & 3 Year Olds

To register: fill out the registration form on page 39
THREE & FOUR YEAR OLDS

Three- and four-year-old ECFE classes start with parent-child activity time. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to play and learn together in a safe and educational environment. While parents meet nearby, children stay with the early childhood teacher and staff. They have the opportunity to play with peers and enjoy activities in all areas of development. Parents attend a discussion group led by a licensed Parent Educator. The parent group includes information on developmental, age-related concerns and allows time to get to know other parents. Sibling care available - registration required.

Wednesdays:
P7 Piedmont 9:00-10:00 2 & 3 Year Olds

Thursdays:
P10 Piedmont 11:30-12:30 2 & 3 Year Olds

For Mixed Age class options see page 34

Lester Park Elementary School:
5300 Glenwood Street Room 210
Duluth, MN 55804
218-336-8875

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Mixed Ages 0-4 Year Olds

L8 – 6:00-7:00
Mixed Ages 0-4 Year Olds

To register for a class, fill out the registration form on page 39
# Early Childhood Programs

## Piedmont Elementary School
2827 Chambersburg Ave Room 201, Duluth, MN 55811 (218-336-8950)

All ECFE classes begin the week of September 14, 2020

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715 101st Ave West - Room 25, Duluth, MN 55808 (218-336-8700 ext. 3897)

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## Washington Family Center
310 N. 1st Ave W Room 110, Duluth, MN 55802 (218-461-2081 or 218-461-7250)

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## FREE Six Week Parent/Infant Classes
Piedmont Elementary School
2827 Chambersburg Ave - Room 201, Duluth, MN 55811 (218-336-8950)

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Early Childhood Programs

ECFE Registration & Tuition Information

Registration Options

Online
Complete the registration form online at www.isd709.org
(For New Families - Birth to Age 5)

Mail, Email, or Fax
Complete the registration form on page 39. Either mail, email, or fax it to our office:

Duluth Early Childhood Office
215 N. 1st Ave. E
Duluth, MN 55802
Email: earlychildhood@isd709.org
Fax: 218-336-8819

Registration Timeline
In order to be included in the first round of registration, forms MUST be in our office by May 1st. As in previous years, registrations will be put into a lottery if more people have registered than there are spaces available.

Class Confirmation
Confirmation emails will be sent out on May 15th. If you do not have an email address, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you on May 15th.

We will continue to take registrations throughout the school year if there are openings.

Selecting a class
We enroll according to the age a child is on 9/01/20. For example, if you are enrolling in a 3-year-old class, your child must have turned three on or before 9/01/20.

Multiple Classes
In order to serve as many families as possible, we allow a family to be registered in only one class at a time. Special topic classes are the exception.

Attendance
Out of respect for families on a waiting list, consistent attendance will be expected.

Tuition
The ECFE program depends upon fees from participants to maintain its scope of services. Fees are based on a sliding scale determined by family income. Those who are unable to pay are still welcome, but we ask that you contact the ECFE office to discuss arrangements that can be made. All payments are confidential.

Do NOT send any money with your registration form!

Once you are registered, you will receive a tuition statement in the mail three times during the school year:

October, January, and April.

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ECFE REGISTRATION

Please complete ONE FORM per family. Each child must be the ages listed for class on or before 09/01/2020.
Example: If enrolling in a class for 3-year-olds, your child must have turned 3 on or before 09/01/2020

1. Child:

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Male  Female (circle one)

Address:

Street Apt. # City/State Zip Code

Parent:

| Phone (____) ____-_____ Male  Female (circle one) |

Date of Birth __/__/____

Parent:

| Phone (____) ____-_____ Male  Female (circle one) |

Date of Birth __/__/____

1st Choice of Session 2nd Choice of Session 3rd Choice of Session

| Session Code: __________ | Session Code: __________ | Session Code: __________ |

Sibling Care: □ YES □ NO Sibling Care: □ YES □ NO Sibling Care: □ YES □ NO

Sibling Care Registration

| Child’s Name ______________ | Child’s Name ______________ |

| Child’s DOB ______________ | Child’s DOB ______________ |

Have you ever attended an ECFE class before? □ YES □ NO

How did you find out about ECFE: (Please check all that apply)

□ Adult Basic Ed/Adult Literacy □ Early Childhood Special Education □ Child Care Program □ Facebook/Internet □ Early Childhood Screening □ Head Start □ Other* (See Below):

*Social or Human Services Agencies, Health Care Providers (doctors or public health nurses), Judicial System, Child Care Provider, Friend, Family Member, etc.

Does anyone in your family have allergies/special needs we need to know about? □ YES □ NO

If yes, please explain: __________________________

Is your child receiving special services from a District IEP, IFSP, or IIIP? □ YES □ NO

Is transportation going to be a problem? □ YES □ NO

Transportation Policy:
If you are unable to register for a class because you do not have transportation please let us know. ECFE can help transport you to a class that is closest to your home address.

Mail, Deliver, or Fax this form to: Duluth Early Childhood Main Office
215 N. 1st Ave. E., Duluth, MN 55802
218-336-8815 or Fax: 218-336-8819
DULUTH PRESCHOOL

A collaboration between Head Start, School Readiness, and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten. Located in 7 elementary school buildings across the city, Duluth Preschool provides high quality early childhood classroom experiences. We focus on building social emotional skills, language and literacy, health and nutrition, physical health and development for all children. In addition, because we follow Head Start Performance Standards we work in partnership with parents to support family well being and help families meet their goals for themselves and their children.

Parent Aware Rated - Four STARS of Excellence

We’re proud to be one of the first preschool programs in the state to earn a four star rating from Minnesota Parent Aware - the highest rating possible! Parent Aware’s rating system helps parents find preschools and childcare programs focused on high quality early learning and kindergarten readiness. For more information check out the parent aware website: www.parentawareratings.org

Our Curriculum

Our preschool program uses Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum for Preschool is a research-based, comprehensive curriculum that features exploration and discovery as a way of learning. The foundational volumes help teachers create a high-quality learning environment and build a thorough understanding of best practices, while the Daily Resources help teachers plan and manage every moment of their day.

We supplement our basic curricula with Second Step, which is a curriculum designed to promote competence by building relationships, creating supportive environments and teaching strategies. It provides engaging lessons and activities that teach essential social skills, such as problem solving, managing emotions, impulse control, and empathy. That coupled with the strategies used in the Pyramid Model, a positive behavioral intervention and support framework that promotes the social, emotional and behavioral development of all young children, make for a solid foundation of social-emotional skills.

We Provide

• High quality early childhood experiences with licensed teachers
• Parent education, support, work in partnership with families
• Full- and half-day options
• A focus on health and nutrition
• Services for children with disabilities
• Assistance accessing community resources
**Duluth Preschool**

**How to Apply**

**Online Application**
Complete the application online at: www.isd709.org
(How to Enroll—Birth to Age 5)

**Paper Application**
Available at elementary schools, or contact our office if you would like one mailed to you.

**If you would like to speak with, or meet with an enrollment recruiter either over the phone, or in person, please contact our office.**

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**Tuition**

- Head Start funded families will not pay any tuition.
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten families will not pay any tuition.
- School Readiness funded families pay tuition based on a sliding fee scale. All payments are confidential.

**Tuition Assistance**

State Early Learning Scholarships give families financial support to help pay for high quality early learning care and education to prepare their young children for school.

- To be eligible for a scholarship, families must:
  - Live in St. Louis County.
  - Have a child who is 3 or 4 years old by 09/01/2020.
  - Have an annual income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

*Call the Northland Foundation if you have any questions about the scholarships or application.*
218-260-2736 or 1-800-433-4045

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215 N. 1st Ave. E.
Duluth, MN 55802

**Phone:** 218-336-8815
**Fax:** 218-336-8819

**Email:** earlychildhood@isd709.org

Income verification is required in order for your registration to be complete. Income verification can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to our office.

**Sliding Fee Scale for School Readiness Funded Families**

**All Day Classrooms**

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Early Childhood Screening

Duluth Public Schools offers FREE Early Childhood Screening throughout the year. Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing, and learning. Screening may help to link families to free learning opportunities or other community resources.

Screening at 3 years old is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 years and the start of kindergarten. All students are required to be screened by law prior to entering kindergarten.

Screening is available at select Duluth Elementary Schools and community locations throughout the year. Please be sure to look for specific dates and times online or call, 218-336-8816.

View the screening calendar online and arrange an appointment at:
Online: https://www.isd709.org/for-new-families/birth-to-pre-k/early-childhood-screening/index
Phone: 218-336-8816
Email: ecscreening@isd709.org

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Provides individually tailored programs for children with identified areas of need or disabilities from birth through six years of age. These services include screening, identification, evaluation, special education, related services and support for families. An individualized educational plan is written for children who qualify for services. Services are provided in home, community, and classroom settings and are free of charge to families.

Help Me Grow - When Parents Know, Children Grow

Every child is unique. No two children develop, grow, and learn at exactly the same pace. And yet children develop in predictable ways. Babies and toddlers are constantly growing, learning, and changing all the time. It is fun to watch! Some children may need extra help to meet their milestones. Special health conditions may also affect a child’s development. If you are concerned about your child’s growth, development, or learning, we encourage you to contact us at HelpMeGrowMN.org or call 218-336-8744.

The Early Intervention program is accessed through the Help Me Grow referral system. Developmental Screenings and Evaluations are available free of charge. Screenings are done in all areas of development, including:

- Communication
- Cognition
- Fine and Gross Motor
- Behavior and Social-Emotional
- Adaptive
- Hearing
- Medical/Health

If a child is eligible for Early Intervention services, these are made available in their home, childcare, or community settings free of charge.