



Welcome to Kindergarten!



Cambridge Primary School

310 N Elm St.
Cambridge, MN 55008

Phone: 763-691-6500
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Isanti Primary School

301 Heritage Blvd NW
Isanti, MN 55040

Phone: 763-691-8778
Fax: 763-691-8700

**School For All Seasons
(Year Round Option)**

101 9th Ave NE
Isanti, MN 55040

Phone: 763-552-8800
Fax: 763-552-8899

www.c-ischools.org

Kindergarten at Cambridge-Isanti Schools

Kindergarten is an exciting time for all! Our highly-qualified teachers are excited to work with you and your child to ensure an enjoyable and successful school experience. All of our schools and staff share the same comprehensive curriculum that includes current materials, sustaining state-of-the-art technology and creates a respectful, caring and safe environment.

Every student that attends kindergarten at Cambridge-Isanti Schools will attend a full day program at no cost to the parents. Our district offers either a traditional or a year round option. As a parent, you decide which option is best suited for your child.

All sites will offer a Kindergarten Round Up that will be held in April or May depending on the location. You will receive more information regarding this event in a separate mailing due to arrive in homes in March.

Is your child eligible for kindergarten?

If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2017, your child is eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2017-2018 academic year.

If you have questions, please contact your child's primary school principal.

What Options Does Your Child Have for Kindergarten?

Traditional

Cambridge Primary and Isanti Primary strive to provide innovative learning opportunities and utilize data to make informed decisions based on individual student need.

Positive character traits are stressed and reinforced with the goal of maintaining a positive school climate for all students.

Your primary school of attendance is based on your home address. If you are unsure of your school of attendance, please contact our transportation department at 763-552-6287.

For more information regarding the traditional school option, contact your child's primary school.

Cambridge Primary School

Rhonda Malecha – Principal
(763) 691-6500

Isanti Primary School

Shane Dordal – Principal
(763) 691-8778

Link to 17-18 Traditional Calendar:

http://www.c-ischools.org/sites/default/files/2017-2018_traditional_calendar_finaled.pdf

Year Round

School For All Seasons (SFAS) is our year round school option for Grades K-5. Our program builds strong character with all students. Our school has been recognized by the state of MN for promising practices in character education.

SFAS strives to incorporate STEAM topics into all core curriculum, as well as a variety of other areas. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Environment, Arts and Mathematics. Students have opportunities to expand on a topic of interest during each trimester. The explorations culminate with a themed evening for students and parents.

Like the traditional option, there is no cost to send your child to School For All Seasons.

The year round schedule consists of three trimesters, twelve weeks in length with three week breaks in between. It also includes a six week summer break.

For more information regarding the year round school option, contact the Principal.

School For All Seasons

Mark Ziebarth - Principal
(763) 552-8800

Link to 17-18 Year Round Calendar:

http://www.c-ischools.org/sites/default/files/2017-2018_yr_long_calendar_finaled.pdf

SAVE THE DATE

Kindergarten Parent Informational Meetings

(You can attend the location that best fits your schedule – it doesn't have to be your school of attendance)

Isanti Primary School – Feb. 21 at 7pm

Cambridge Primary School – Feb. 27 at 7pm

**REGISTER BY
MARCH 9th**

How Can You Register For Kindergarten?

To register your child for kindergarten, you will need to carefully fill out the form called *Cambridge-Isanti Schools Student Enrollment Form* that is included within this mailing.

Here's what you will need to include with your enrollment form

Before completing the form, you will want to gather the following documents to ensure you are providing us with the most accurate information. Also, you will need to submit copies of these documents along with your enrollment form.

- A document that proves how old your child is** – a copy of your child's birth certificate, passport, or approved official documentation.
- A document that proves where you live** – a copy of the front page of a lease or rental agreement, property closing documents, or current utility bill if it has your correct name and address.
- A document that shows all of the dates your child received immunizations.** (You can request this from your child's clinic.) If you prefer, you may instead submit a legal exemption.
 - Please note that you may register before your child has all of these shots, however, your child cannot start school until the last round of immunizations is complete.
- A copy of your child's Early Childhood Screening.**
- A copy of your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)** and most recent evaluation, if your child has special needs.

If you don't reside within Cambridge-Isanti School District boundaries, you must fill out the form, Non-Resident Student Enrollment Agreement. For a copy, go to http://www.c-ischools.org/sites/default/files/non-resident_agreement_mar16.pdf

Once completed, this form should be included with your enrollment paperwork.

Once all your materials are in order, here's what you should do to enroll your student

Return your child's completed enrollment form, along with the required documents to your child's primary school by one of the following methods by March 9, 2017.

- ❖ Drop your enrollment paperwork and information at your child's primary school
- ❖ Scan and email it to your child's primary school
- ❖ Mail it to your child's primary school
- ❖ Fax it to your child's primary school

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **I cannot find my child's birth certificate. Can my child still enroll?**
Yes - your child may still enroll, but we will need a copy before the first day of school. You may bring your document to the school at your convenience before the start of school. If you need a copy made, the office staff will be happy to assist you.
- **What should I do if my child has not had their Early Childhood Screening?**
You should still enroll your child, but you will want to call and make an appointment to have your child screened. To make this free appointment, please call 763-691-6691 or email earlychildhood@c-ischools.org
You may also contact Isanti County Public Health or your child's physician.
State law mandates that early childhood screening be completed before starting school.
- **My child was screened in another district. What do I do?**
You may have your child's screening emailed or faxed to your child's primary building or feel free to provide a copy with your enrollment papers.
- **My child has not had their 5 year old shots. Should I wait to turn in the enrollment papers?**
No - we would prefer that you turn your enrollment form in as soon as possible, along with the immunizations that your child has had so far. Additional immunizations can be turned in to the school as they are completed.
State law mandates that immunizations be completed before starting school.
- **My child will be waiting another year before going to kindergarten or will not be attending Cambridge-Isanti Schools. Do I need to do anything?**
Please contact your child's primary school and we will update your information so that you are taken off the mailing list and don't receive calls throughout the year.
- **Can my child take a school bus?**
We provide bus transportation at no cost to students who live outside of the walk boundary, but reside within the boundaries of Cambridge-Isanti Schools.
For more information, call 763-552-6287.

Individual School Start and End Times		
School	School Start Time	School End Time
Cambridge Primary School	8:15	2:50
Isanti Primary School	8:15	2:57
School For All Seasons	8:00	3:10

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Parents can best prepare children for school by reading to them, talking to them, giving them a wide variety of experiences and setting the stage for them to learn through play. On the first day of school, teachers would like to see children who are ready and eager to learn with the wide variety of skills and experiences they need to handle the challenges of kindergarten. We understand that each child develops at his or her own pace, but we find the children who can do the majority of the skills listed below are more successful in the kindergarten classroom.

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL

- Likes the thought of entering kindergarten
- Speaks clearly in complete sentences most of the time
- Can cooperate and interact with other children
- Can work independently for at least five minutes
- Is able to communicate with adults
- Understands and follows directions that include at least two steps
- Accepts minor disappointments or limits without tears

INTELLECTUAL

- Shows an interest in books and reading, and can listen to a story for five minutes
- Holds book and turns pages correctly
- Knows some songs, rhymes
- Identifies some letters (especially those in own name)
- Identifies labels and signs in the environment (McDonalds, Walmart, etc.)
- Pretends to read and write
- Knows first and last name – can write first name
- Knows names of family members
- Recognizes similarities and differences in sizes, shapes and colors of objects
- Can tell and retell familiar stories or experiences
- Can count to ten, names numerals to five
- Has had a variety of experiences: library, park, zoo, etc...
- Has an understanding of how to use crayons, paint, glue, pencil and scissors
- Expresses ideas with drawings, rather than scribbles
- Is willing to try to complete a task

PERSONAL NEEDS

- Demonstrates independence in personal care (washing hands, dressing, eating, bathroom use)
- Recognizes own possessions: jacket, lunchbox, etc.
- Will put toys away when asked



If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's readiness for kindergarten, please contact your child's primary school Principal or Cambridge-Isanti Early Childhood Program. We do offer a Preschool Program for children ages 3-5 years old. There is a fee associated with preschool, but scholarships are available. Please contact Early Childhood at 763-691-6691 for more information.

Early Childhood Screening

If your child is between the ages of three and five, it's time to schedule your child's Early Childhood Screening. Hearing, vision, speech and motor abilities are the areas of development that will be assessed during the screening. This is a FREE and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. The state of Minnesota requires all children to be screened prior to entering kindergarten.

What information is gathered at the screening?

- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development
- Large and small muscle coordination
- Height, weight, hearing and vision
- Health review and immunization status



Early Childhood screening is one way to support children in their early years of growth and development. It is also a way to identify children who may benefit from special services, as well as connect families with the appropriate resources and programs.

To schedule a free appointment or for additional information...

Please call 763-691-6691 or email earlychildhood@c-ischools.org
 You may also contact Isanti County Public Health or your child's physician.

Immunizations

Families must provide records that their child has had these immunizations or a notarized conscientious exemption with the school **before** your child starts school.

The immunizations that are required for Kindergarten are as follows...

Dtap/Td/Tdap Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis	Polio	HepB Hepatitis B	MMR Measles, Mumps, Rubella	Varicella * Chickenpox
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Cambridge Primary Health Office:
 (763) 691-6505

Isanti Primary Health Office:
 (763) 691- 8704

School For All Seasons Health Office:
 (763) 551-8809

* Varicella shot(s) not required if Pupil Immunization Record form is signed by child's doctor saying the child has already had chickenpox disease.

** Isanti County Public Health is an option for free immunizations. Call 763-689-8290.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's primary building's health office.

