

Kinder Plus (K+)

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What is K+?

Kinder Plus (K+) is an optional, fee-based enrichment program for kindergarten students offered through Moorhead Community Education. K+ provides a full-day opportunity for kindergarten students by combining the traditional free, half-day kindergarten curriculum with an additional half day of enrichment activities. A Minnesota licensed teacher will engage children in enrichment activities and provide opportunities to develop language, math and social skills.

Where and when will K+ be in session?

K+ classrooms are located at Robert Asp Elementary School, Ellen Hopkins Elementary School and Probstfield Center for Education. All S.G. Reinertsen Elementary kindergarten students will attend kindergarten at Probstfield.

K+ will operate only on days when school is in session and will follow the regular school calendar.

How long is the school day?

The K+ program allows kindergarten students to attend school during a full school day, from 7:55 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Parents may still need to arrange for child care outside of the regular school day. The Youth Commission provides care before and after the regular school day at Robert Asp, Ellen Hopkins and S.G. Reinertsen Elementary Schools. Parents may use other home or center care as needed. Probstfield students who are registered for the Youth Commission program at Reinertsen will be bused there after school.

"K+ is a great program. We really appreciate all the hands-on learning, the work on fine motor and gross motor skills, the extra work on letters, and letting the kids put their own projects together."

– K+ Parent

How will busing be handled?

Students will be riding their neighborhood school buses if they are provided. Students who live within walking distance of the school, or who are being transported by parents, should plan to arrive between 7:35 a.m. and the 7:55 a.m. start time.



How will lunch be served?

Students will eat lunch as a group. This is an opportunity to help students develop social and self-help skills. Parents must set up a meal account to purchase school lunch and milk or send lunch to school with their child.

What will students be doing during K+?

K+ will provide students

with:

- ◆ An environment filled with books, literature and print materials
- ◆ A planned schedule of activities
- ◆ Visits from community helpers
- ◆ Social/emotional experiences
- ◆ Learning through play

The classroom will be arranged to provide:

- ◆ Learning centers to create an enriched environment where children engage in self-paced learning activities. Skills developed include language, numerical literacy, social development, and large and small muscle control. Centers may be based around specific learning objectives or classroom themes (e.g., seasons, book titles, foods, children's interests).
- ◆ Small/large group activities including music and movement, language and literacy, numerical awareness, and social/emotional development.

Parent involvement and engagement is encouraged throughout the experience.

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How much does K+ cost?

How will I be billed?

The cost is based on the parents' ability to pay using the federal income eligibility guidelines in the table below. Determine your fee based on your household's size and annual income level.

2012-13 K+ Program Fees		
	Annual Fee	Monthly Fee
Full Fee	\$1,200	\$133
Reduced Fee A	\$600	\$67
Reduced Fee B	\$300	\$33
Reduced Fee C	No charge	No charge

Parents may make payments yearly or monthly. Monthly payments are due by the first business day of each month. Monthly K+ payments should be made online through PaySchools, which is the school district's online payment processing system. This is the same system that can be used to make meal account payments.

Parents may contact Moorhead Community Education to make other arrangements to pay for K+. Payment should not be sent to the K+ teacher.

Refunds will not be provided when a child is absent or when school is closed due to inclement weather. Moorhead Community Education reserves the right to discontinue a child's enrollment in the K+ program due to non-payment of fees. Please contact Moorhead Community Education with questions related to alternative arrangements for fee payment.



Depending on income level, parents may be eligible for a tax credit or subtraction on their Minnesota tax return; go to www.taxes.state.mn.us for more information or consult your tax professional.

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines				
Household Size	Full Fee (\$133/month)	Reduced Fee A (\$67/month)	Reduced Fee B (\$33/month)	Reduced Fee C (No charge)
2	\$27,215 or more	\$19,124-\$27,214	\$14,711-\$19,123	\$14,710 or less
3	\$34,282 or more	\$24,090-\$34,281	\$18,531-\$24,089	\$18,530 or less
4	\$41,349 or more	\$29,056-\$41,348	\$22,351-\$29,055	\$22,350 or less
5	\$48,416 or more	\$34,022-\$48,415	\$26,171-\$34,021	\$26,170 or less
6	\$55,483 or more	\$38,988-\$55,482	\$29,991-\$38,987	\$29,990 or less
7	\$62,550 or more	\$43,954-\$62,549	\$33,811-\$43,953	\$33,810 or less
8	\$69,617 or more	\$48,920-\$69,616	\$37,631-\$48,919	\$37,630 or less
for each additional family member add		\$7,067	\$4,966	\$3,820

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Kinder Plus (K+) Program 2012-13 Contract
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RETURN THIS COMPLETED CONTRACT TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN KINDER PLUS (K+).

Child's Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

2012-13 School (Circle One): Robert Asp
 Ellen Hopkins
 Probstfield (S.G. Reinertsen Attendance Area)

	Parent/Guardian 1 Information	Parent/Guardian 2 Information
Name		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Phone		
Work Phone		
Cell Phone		
Email Address		

We assume that either parent listed will have access to this account unless you provide documentation and indicate otherwise.

Emergency Information

Please list two individuals (other than parents/guardians) who are authorized to pick up your child and/or take responsibility for your child in case of illness or emergency. You must contact the staff to give permission to anyone other than a parent/guardian to pick up your child.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Special Needs Information

My child is receiving services through Special Education? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please read program guidelines on the reverse side of this contract, sign and date below.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

For Office Use: Date Received

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Contract Guidelines & Conditions

Please carefully read the following program guidelines.

1. I understand that my child cannot begin K+ until this contract is signed and returned.
2. I agree to pay the following fees:
Tuition Payment (*Your fee for K+ is based on your family size and income level. See the table on the attached sheet to calculate and fill in the amount below.*)

\$_____ per month due on the 1st of each month

READ AND INITIAL EACH ITEM IF YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

_____ **Hours of Operation**

K+ sites will follow the regular school calendar and daily schedule. No refunds will be issued if school is canceled due to emergencies.

_____ **Serious Accident/Illness**

In an emergency, when immediate attention is needed, I authorize the K+ Program to call 911, and then contact the parents/guardians. After 911 has been called, it is up to the paramedics to decide the appropriate action. If the child(ren) needs emergency treatment, it will be at the nearest available medical facility. I understand that I am responsible for all medical charges.

_____ **Field Trips and Transportation**

I do hereby grant permission and authorize my child to attend and participate in the K+ bus/walking field trips. Field trips/visits to various places in our community and in other communities enhance our educational program. Field trips are held in correlation with the curriculum for a particular grade level. Your child's teacher will notify you when parent volunteers are needed to assist on field trips. If you have a question about a field trip, feel free to call the classroom teacher. I further acknowledge and agree that in the event of a non-emergency situation such as sickness, minor injuries, or behavioral issues, I will make arrangements to transport my child from the field trip site at the request of the K+ staff.

_____ **Exchange of Information**

I give my consent to an exchange of information between K+ staff and other Moorhead Area Public Schools professional staff whenever it would be beneficial to my child.

_____ **Publicity**

My child may be filmed/photographed/interviewed for school district informational and educational purposes both print and electronic. It is my understanding that this photograph/interview/video or portions thereof may be used for public view. I give my permission for my child(ren) to be included in the publicity.

_____ **Sunscreen**

I authorize the K+ staff to apply sunscreen on my child when necessary.

_____ **Policy Agreement**

I recognize my responsibility and agree to abide by the contract and rules of K+. I also recognize my responsibility in helping my child respect the rules in order to provide a positive experience for all participants. I also agree that I am responsible for any damages my child may cause while participating in the program. K+ has the right to terminate the relationship at any time for any reason. I am responsible for notifying Community Education if I wish to withdraw my child from K+.

We look forward to having your child as a part of the K+ Program! Please let us know if you have any questions. We'll do our best to help you.

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