



MOORHEAD
AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



kindergarten REGISTRATION

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welcome to Moorhead Area Public Schools!

We are excited for your child to enroll in Moorhead Area Public Schools. Nothing is more rewarding than watching your child grow and develop. By working together as a team, we can ensure that all students are able to reach their maximum potential.

This publication and the enclosures are designed to give families the information they need to plan for a successful kindergarten experience. Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year begins online at 8 a.m. Feb. 6, 2019. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2019, you may register him or her to begin school this fall.

We look forward to helping your child thrive in the Moorhead Area Public Schools!

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REGISTRATION

Will your child be age 5 by September 1, 2019?

If so, these steps are for you! At Moorhead Area Public Schools, we want kindergarten registration to be as easy as possible for you and your family. Please don't hesitate to call the district office at 218-284-3371 if you need additional information to complete your child's registration. We look forward to seeing your child this fall.

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Complete the online kindergarten pre-enrollment for the 2019-20 school year at www.moorheadschoools.org/enroll. Online pre-enrollment opens

at 8 a.m. Feb. 6, 2019, for all students, including those interested in enrolling in the Spanish Immersion Program. See the back page and insert for more information about Spanish Immersion.

Enrollment requires proof of age and residency, immunization records, and the enclosed home language survey. The checklist on the next page includes information that will be helpful for completing steps 1 and 3 of registration.

Find and upload these necessary documents during the pre-enrollment process. Your child's enrollment will not be completed until these documents are submitted. If you are unable to upload these documents they must be brought to the enrollment office at Probstfield Center for Education, 2410 14th St. S.

- ☐ Birth certificate, hospital/physician record, copy of passport/Visa or I-94 document indicating child's full legal name and birthdate
- ☐ Proof of district residency
 - **Home Owners:** Mortgage statement, property tax statement, or builders agreement/purchase agreement followed by closing papers.
 - **Renters:** Signed lease agreement with name(s) of parent/guardian on the document and showing lease period; utility bill dated within the last 30 days; or letter from government agency dated within the last 30 days
- ☐ Immunization records
- ☐ Completed home language survey form (included with this brochure)

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Complete kindergarten registration online through PowerSchool by logging in to your PowerSchool parent account.

After you complete pre-enrollment, you will receive information from the enrollment office about completing PowerSchool Registration. Registration can be completed at home on your own computer. It is not recommended that online registration be completed using a smartphone or a tablet smaller than 9 inches. Computer access and assistance is available at Probstfield Center for Education for those without access at home.

Complete online PowerSchool Registration forms by March 15. The checklist on the next page includes additional information that will be helpful for you to have when completing registration.

What is PowerSchool Registration?

Student registration forms for Moorhead Area Public Schools are completed online through PowerSchool, which provides a secure and efficient registration process. Parents will receive access to their PowerSchool parent account to log in and choose the registration link to complete the process.

This summer and in future years, you will complete an annual review and update of the information to ensure it is current.

If you already have a child enrolled in the district, you will use your existing PowerSchool account, and your kindergarten student will be linked to your family. Linking your family allows you to share information between children without having to enter it multiple times.

Schedule your child's free, mandatory Early Childhood Screening if he or she has not already had one. The district screens 3, 4 and 5 year olds so appointments fill quickly. Please call 218-284-3800 to schedule an appointment or to find out if your child needs to be screened. See the back page for early childhood screening dates.

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Register and attend the optional Keys to Kindergarten sessions.

Weekly sessions are held Thursday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. January 24 to

April 11 (no class February 14 and March 7) at Probstfield. Keys to Kindergarten is a free program that offers school readiness activities to improve your child's academic, social and emotional skills. To register call 218-284-3400 or go online at <https://communityed.moorheadschoools.org>.

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Attend the optional information night for 2019-20 kindergarten.

The information night for parents/guardians to hear about plans for the 2019-20 school year will be scheduled for April 2019. Postcards will be mailed with the date, time and location of the information night.

Watch for information in August about opportunities for students and parents to visit their schools and meet their teachers before classes start.

IMPORTANT FINAL STEP

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Complete annual review and update of your student's information in PowerSchool.

Each summer you will be required to update your student's information by selecting annual registration and information update in PowerSchool. Computer access and assistance will be available in August at the district office or the elementary schools for those who do not have access at home. Complete the online registration and student information update by August 15.

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Update your child's immunizations before the first day of school.

Schedule your child's checkup and immunization review with your health care provider. You will need updated immunization records for screening, registration and school entry. The Pupil Immunization Record, which you can print from within PowerSchool, or an immunization record from your child's health care provider, must be submitted before the first day of school. Immunizations are an important part of your child's health care. Minnesota Statute Section 121A.15 requires that all students enrolled in a Minnesota school be immunized against certain diseases, allowing for certain exemptions as described on the Pupil Immunization Record.

Please see the table below for the list of required immunizations for your kindergarten student. If your child is not fully protected at this time, please update all immunizations immediately.

Are Your Kids Ready for School?

Minnesota's School Immunization Law

Directions:

- Find the child's age/grade level and read across to the right.
- Look to see whether the child had the number of shots shown by the checkmark(s) under each vaccine.

	Hep B hepatitis B	Tdap/DTaP/Td diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Polio	MMR measles, mumps, rubella	Hib Haemophilus influenzae type b	Varicella* (chickenpox)
Kindergarten**	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓ 5 th shot not needed if 4 th was after age 4	✓✓✓✓✓ 4 th polio not needed if 3 rd was after age 4	✓✓		✓✓

* Varicella shot(s) not required if a child's doctor signs a form saying the child has already had chickenpox disease.

** First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and Tdap/DTaP/Td schedules for kindergarten.

CHECKLIST

Below is a checklist of additional information that will be helpful for you to have with you when completing your child's kindergarten registration online. Please complete questions as accurately as possible; you will have a chance to update and complete missing information in July/August (step 8).

online Pre-enrollment

- ☐ All primary and/or additional guardians' contact information (including employer, work phone and email address)
- ☐ Health records/medical history
- ☐ Immunization records
- ☐ Emergency contact information (up to three contacts may be listed)
- ☐ Name and phone number of individuals allowed to pick up your child from school
- ☐ Full name, date of birth and school for other children living in the home

POWERSCHOOL Registration

- ☐ Instructions/dosage information for any prescription medications
- ☐ Medical contact information (doctor, dentist, specialists)
- ☐ Child care information (provider's name, phone number, address)
- ☐ Pickup and drop off address for transportation (this is needed if your child will be riding the bus)
- ☐ Storm procedure contacts



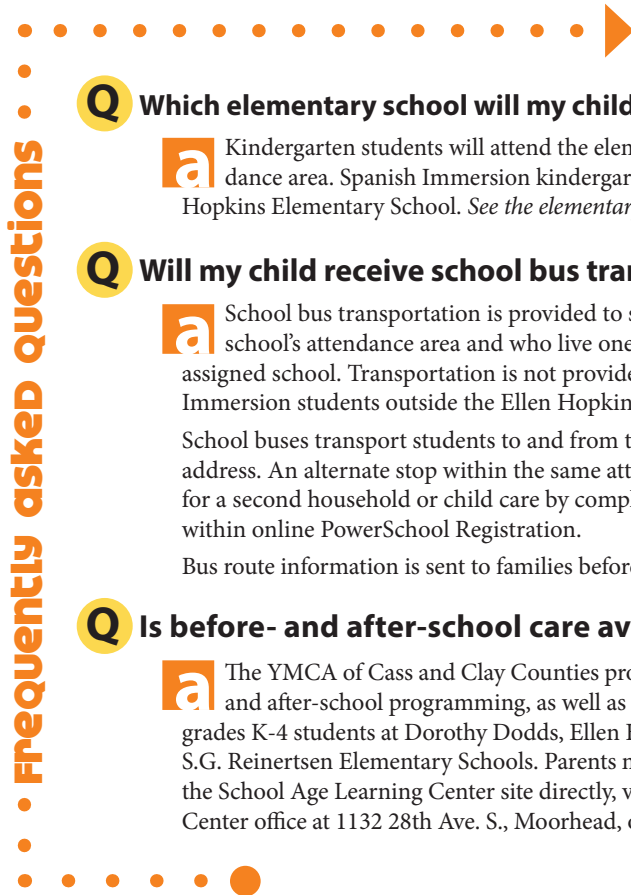
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Spanish Immersion Program


All children in the Moorhead School District entering kindergarten in the fall are eligible to register for the Spanish Immersion Program. Grades K-4 Spanish immersion students will attend Ellen Hopkins Elementary; grades 5-6 Spanish immersion students will attend Horizon Middle School West Campus.

Students in the immersion program have the same curriculum as other students in grades K-6. The difference is that the classes are taught in Spanish.


Parents who are considering enrolling their children in the district's K-6 Spanish Immersion Program are invited to learn more by speaking with an Ellen Hopkins principal. *See the insert for more information about Spanish Immersion.*



Q Which elementary school will my child attend?

 Kindergarten students will attend the elementary school in their attendance area. Spanish Immersion kindergarten students will attend Ellen Hopkins Elementary School. *See the elementary attendance area map insert.*


Q Will my child receive school bus transportation?

 School bus transportation is provided to students who live within their school's attendance area and who live one mile or more from their assigned school. Transportation is not provided to grades K-4 Spanish Immersion students outside the Ellen Hopkins attendance area.

School buses transport students to and from the bus stop nearest their home address. An alternate stop within the same attendance area may be arranged for a second household or child care by completing the appropriate questions within online PowerSchool Registration.

Bus route information is sent to families before the start of school.

Q Is before- and after-school care available?

 The YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties provides fee-based before- and after-school programming, as well as summer programming, for grades K-4 students at Dorothy Dodds, Ellen Hopkins, Robert Asp and S.G. Reinertsen Elementary Schools. Parents may learn more by contacting the School Age Learning Center site directly, visiting the School Age Learning Center office at 1132 28th Ave. S., Moorhead, or at www.ymcaccassclay.org.

DATES TO KNOW

Below is a list of important dates for kindergarten registration.

- ☐ **February 6** – Kindergarten online registration begins at 8 a.m. at www.moorheadschoools.org/enroll. Complete online pre-enrollment form; upload proof of age (birth certificate), proof of residency, home language form, and immunization record or bring the required documents to Probstfield Center for Education, 2410 14th St. S.
- ☐ **Early Childhood Screening Dates:**
 - Friday, February 1
 - Friday, March 1
 - Friday, April 12
 - Tuesday-Thursday, June 11-13
 - Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 6-8

**Call 218-284-3800 to schedule a screening.*
- ☐ **March 15** – Deadline to complete kindergarten registration online through PowerSchool.
- ☐ **April 2019** – Attend Information Night for 2019-20 kindergarten. Watch for postcard with the date, time and location.
- ☐ **Summer** – Return updated immunization records to the enrollment office if you haven't already done so.
- ☐ **July/August** – Complete an update of student information online via PowerSchool by August 15. A reminder will be sent in July/August.
- ☐ **Late August** – Attend kindergarten orientation session at your child's school.
- ☐ **September 3** – First day of school!

This document can be made available in an alternate format such as large print or audio recording. Call 284-3330 to make a request.

If you do not read English and would like help in your own language, please call 284-3330.

Si usted no lee en inglés y le gustaría que le ayudaran en su propio idioma, por favor llame al 284-3330.

Ngay ban không biết đọc tiếng Anh và muốn giúp đỡ
trong ngôn ngữ của bạn, xin gọi số 284-3330.

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如果你不懂英語，并需要幫助，
請打電話 284-3330。

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If you decide not to register your child for kindergarten this fall, or if you will be enrolling in another school, please call the district office at 218-284-3371 or email enroll@moorheadschoools.org.



OUR K-4 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



Dorothy Dodds Elementary School

4400 24th Ave. S. • 218-284-1300

Robin Grooters, Principal

- Original construction: 2017
- Named in honor of Dorothy Dodds, a 1941 Moorhead High School graduate. She taught kindergarten at the Moorhead State Campus School from 1949 until it closed in 1972, and then she taught in Minnesota State University Moorhead's education department until retiring in 1986. A lifelong educator, Dodds developed the first recognized early childhood education curriculum in Minnesota and was a strong advocate for children. She was inducted into the Moorhead High School Hall of Honor on Sept. 22, 2012. Dodds died Dec. 11, 2012.



Dorothy Dodds



Ellen Hopkins Elementary School

2020 11th St. S. • 218-284-4300

Lynnelle Dirksen, Principal

- Original construction: 1958
- Latest addition: 2016
- Spanish Immersion Program for K-4 is located at Ellen Hopkins with grades 5-6 at Horizon West.
- Named in honor of Ellen "Nellie" Hopkins, an 1896 Moorhead High School graduate who began teaching in Moorhead in 1908. She served as first-grade teacher and principal at the First Ward School from 1910 to 1938. Accounts indicate Hopkins was a wonderful teacher who made sure her students and their families were provided with food, clothes, and even treats and toys.



Ellen "Nellie"
Hopkins



Robert Asp Elementary School

910 11th St. N. • 218-284-6300

Chris Triggs, Principal

- Original construction: 1958
- Latest addition: 2016
- Named in honor of Robert Asp. In 1953 Robert Asp began working as a teacher for Moorhead Public Schools. Eventually he became a school counselor. He continued to teach until his death from cancer in 1980. Asp is also known for building the replica Viking ship, Hjemkomst. Asp exemplified qualities of character such as creativity, determination and commitment.



Robert Asp



S.G. Reinertsen Elementary School

1201 40th Ave. S. • 218-284-5300

Josh St. Louis, Principal

- Original construction: 2004
- Latest addition: 2016
- Named in honor of S.G. "Steve" Reinertsen, who served as superintendent of the Moorhead schools from 1926 to 1955. During his tenure as superintendent, six school facilities were built. A visionary leader, Reinertsen also helped establish the school lunch program by hauling vegetables to the schools and carrying food debris to the country dump.



S.G. "Steve"
Reinertsen

2018-19 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

