



Cambridge-Isanti Schools



Welcome to
Kindergarten!
2021 - 2022

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

www.c-ischools.org



Kindergarten Options



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 create a respectful, caring, and safe environment and share the same comprehensive curriculum materials while utilizing state-of-the-art technology.

Every student that attends kindergarten at Cambridge-Isanti Schools will attend a full day program at no cost to the parents. Our district offers two high-quality options for your child.

Attend an optional virtual information meeting on February 2 and 4 at 6:30. Check the district website in late January for a link to the meetings.

CPS and IPS

Cambridge Primary and Isanti Primary Schools offer excellent full-day kindergarten programs where students will benefit from a nurturing and high-standards approach to learning. Our strong curriculum is designed to inspire and support each young learner's unique talents and gifts. We strive to provide innovative learning opportunities and utilize data to make informed decisions based on individual student need.

Our classrooms reinforce the districts five character traits: Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, and Honesty, with the goal of maintaining a positive school climate for all students.

For the CPS and IPS programs, 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 these schools, contact your child's primary school.

Cambridge Primary School

Rhonda Malecha – Principal
(763) 691-6500

Isanti Primary School

Shane Dordal – Principal
(763) 691-8778



SFAS

School For All Seasons (SFAS), located within Isanti Primary School, will follow the traditional calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our program builds strong character with all students and has been recognized by the state of Minnesota for promising practices in character education. Like all schools in the district, we reinforce the districts five character traits: Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Self-Discipline, and Honesty.

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

There is no cost to send your child to School For All Seasons. Busing is available for all students located within the Cambridge-Isanti Schools boundary.

For more information regarding SFAS, contact one of our school principals.

Mark Ziebarth – Principal
(763) 552-8800

Shane Dordal – Principal
(763) 691-8778

The 2021-2022 school calendar can be found on our website:
www.c-ischools.org



Parent/Guardian Need-to-Know



Early Childhood Screening

The state of Minnesota requires that all children entering kindergarten have an Early Childhood Screening done or scheduled by the first day of school. Hearing, vision, speech, cognitive, 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.

To schedule a free appointment go to the [Early Childhood Screening website](#).

For additional information:

Call (763) 691-6691 or

Email earlychildhood@c-ischools.org

You may also contact Isanti County Public Health.

Safety & Security

The safety of your child is our highest priority. We work to ensure school grounds and building entrances are carefully monitored. Students are not allowed to leave during the school day unless signed out by an authorized adult. All staff are required to wear an ID badge throughout the school day. All visitors must check in with a valid picture ID at the school's main office and wear a visitor badge while in our schools.

Before & After School Care

Adventure Center Child Care is a fee-based program available from 6:00 am until the start of the school day and from the end of the school day until 6:00 pm. This program provides gym time, arts & crafts, computer lab, and other activities for children in grades K-5. Preschool care is also available. For more information, visit the [Adventure Center website](#) or call (763) 689-6180.

Immunizations

Families must provide records that their child has had immunizations or submit 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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* Varicella shot(s) not required if Pupil Immunization Record form is signed by child's doctor saying the child has already had the chickenpox disease

✓ Indicates each individual immunization required

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

If you have questions, please contact one of our health offices:

Cambridge Primary Health Office: (763) 691-6505

Isanti Primary Health Office: (763) 691-8704

School For All Seasons Health Office: (763) 552-8809

Busing & Transportation

We provide bus transportation at no cost to all students who live outside of the walk boundary, but reside within the boundaries of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. The transportation department strives to provide the district with quality transportation service that is safe and professional. For more information, visit the [Transportation website](#) or call (763) 552-6287.



It's Time to Register

Cambridge-Isanti Schools is excited to announce the new **Online Portal for Student Enrollment!** To get started, review the information on our enrollment page www.c-ischools.org/become-a-bluejacket.

Registration Checklist

Gather the following items before getting started with your child's enrollment:

- Immunizations**
A copy of your child's immunization record. You may submit partial immunization information at the time of registration and email, mail, fax, or drop off any changes to the records that occur before the start of school.
- Proof of child's age and legal name**
A copy of your child's official birth certificate, passport, or approved official documentation.
- Proof of residence**
A copy of the front page of a lease or rental agreement, property closing papers, or current utility bill if it has the parent/guardian's correct name and address. If your child is not a resident of Cambridge-Isanti Schools, please complete the Non-Resident Student Enrollment form under Open Enrollment found at <https://www.c-ischools.org/become-a-bluejacket>.
- Early Childhood Screening**
If your child was screened through C-I Schools, we already have their screening on file. If your child was screened in another district, contact that district and have them fax or mail their results to the school your child will be attending.

To schedule a free screening appointment go to the [Early Childhood Screening](#) website.
- Custodial Documents, if applicable**

You are now ready to enroll your child on the [Skyward New Student Enrollment Portal](#). We can't wait to meet you!

Contact

If you have questions regarding enrollment, contact the school of enrollment. You may also fax or email required documents, if needed.

- **In Person**
- **Phone**
- **Email**
- **Fax**

Cambridge Primary School

310 N Elm Street
Cambridge, MN 55008
Phone: (763) 691-6500
Fax: (763) 691-6599

Email: cps-communications@c-ischools.org

Isanti Primary School

301 Heritage Blvd NW
Isanti, MN 55040
Phone: (763) 691-8778
Fax: (763) 691-8700

Email: ips-communications@c-ischools.org

School For All Seasons

101 9th Ave NE
Isanti, MN 55040
Phone: (763) 552-8800
Fax: (763) 552-8899

Email: sfas-communications@c-ischools.org



Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten Registration



- **I cannot find the birth certificate. Can my child still enroll?**
Yes - Your child may still enroll, but we need a copy of the official birth certificate, passport, or approved official documentation by Kindergarten Round-Up. For a fee, you can obtain a certified birth record from the recorder's office at any Government Center of the state in which they were born.
- **Can I enroll my child even if they have not had the early childhood screening?**
Yes - Turn in the kindergarten registration paperwork and then register online for a screening appointment at <https://c-ischools.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/ecfe/87/early-childhood-screening>. If you have questions, call the district's Early Childhood Program at (763) 691-6691. You may also call Isanti County Public Health or your child's physician. State law mandates that screening take place before starting kindergarten.
- **My child was screened in another district. What do I do?**
Contact the district where they were screened and have them fax or mail your child's screening results to the school your child will be attending.
- **Can my child attend kindergarten every other day?**
No - Since the legislature passed the *2013 Education Finance Bill*, Cambridge-Isanti Schools is pleased to provide all-day, every day kindergarten to all of our families with kindergarten students for no additional fee.
- **My child has not had their 5-year-old shots. Should I still turn in the enrollment papers?**
Yes - Enrollment paperwork should be turned in along with any immunizations that your child has had so far. Additional immunizations can be turned in to the school as they are completed. State law mandates immunizations be completed before starting school. A notarized exemption statement must be submitted if a required immunization is contrary to your conscientiously held beliefs.
- **My child will be waiting another year before going to kindergarten or will not be attending school in C-I Schools. Do I need to do anything?**
Yes - Please call the school in which your child would attend, and we will update our records so that you are taken off of the mailing list and don't get reminder calls in the spring.
- **When is Kindergarten Round-Up? Should my child attend?**
Yes - Plan to attend with your child. We want students to become familiar with their new learning environment to support a healthy transition to school day success.

Isanti Primary School: Tuesday, April 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Cambridge Primary School: Tuesday, April 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

School For All Seasons: Thursday, April 29 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness



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
- Accepts minor disappointments or limits without tears
- Is willing to try new things
- Understands and follows directions that include at least two steps

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
- Recognizes some letters
- Identifies labels and signs in the environment (McDonalds, Walmart, etc.)
- Pretends to read and write
- Knows first and last name – can write first name without help
- 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, and recognizes numbers
- 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 self-help skills in personal care (washing hands, dressing, eating, bathroom use)
- Recognizes own possessions: jacket, lunchbox, etc.
- Cooperates with clean-up

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. Preschool programs for children ages 3-5 years old are available. There is a fee associated with preschool, but scholarships are available. Contact Early Childhood at (763) 691-6691 for more information.

Is your child eligible for kindergarten?

If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2021, your child is eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2021-2022 academic year.

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

