



Early Childhood Family Education

BUFFALO HANOVER MONTROSE SCHOOLS

Preschool 2024-2025

Registration opens February 29 at 8 am



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Welcome to the Bison Community!

We are excited to have you join our preschool community. The Bison Preschool offers educational programs intentionally designed for our youngest learners ages 2.5 to Kindergarten entrance.

Bison Preschool students will have opportunities to learn through play, build friendships with peers, engage in music and movement, outdoor play, early academic activities, art, snack, and collaborative large and small group routines. Our preschool classrooms are taught by licensed Early Childhood teachers. Children are supported by teaching teams that include general education and special education professionals. We are an inclusive preschool welcoming all children. Bison Preschool uses research based tools designed specially for early childhood students, including The Creative Curriculum which guides our learning, Teaching Strategies Gold-an authentic observation based assessment to measure a child's progress, and the Pyramid Model, a program wide initiative to build a child's social-emotional well-being and development.

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gen, Early Childhood Coordinator, at
jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org or call
763.682.8753 for more information.

ECFE Open House

*Come meet the Early
Childhood Staff, play
in our classrooms, and
learn what ECFE is!
Must register all family
members attending
this free event.*

SP4044A
Monday, May 20 10:30am-12pm
Buffalo, Discovery Center EC1

SP4044B
Tuesday, May 21 10:30am-12pm
Hanover Elementary Room 200

SP4044C
Friday, May 24 10:30am-12pm
Montrose Early Ed Center ECFE Room



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763.682.8780

Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council
WE NEED YOU! Parents of young children are invited to participate in special events, fundraising, and provide programming input. Meetings take place in person and virtually 6:15-7:15pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. Members receive a 10% discount on ECFE tuition/fees. For more information, contact Jen Greenhagen, Early Childhood Coordinator, at 763.682.8753 or email jgreenhagen@bhmschools.org

Preschool Options at a Glance



Little Bison Preschool (Formerly known as Spring Into Preschool)

2.5 years old by September 1, 2024

Little Bison Preschool is a preschool program designed for our youngest learners. This class offers opportunities that support a child's early learning in a smaller group setting. Little Bison Preschool classes focus on your child's early social-emotional skill development and well-being including, turn-taking, sharing, trading, and playing with peers, and building experiences with preschool routines.

A gentle separating class where parents are encouraged to attend with their child for the first session. In addition, there will be opportunities for parent conversations with other parents led by a licensed parent educator one time per month. Parent Education topics may include; creating positive routines at home, building a child's self-regulation skills, learning strategies for adults to stay calm, how and why to use visual schedules, and more.

Little Bison Preschool offerings include; Explore Nature (Montrose Early Education Center), STEAM (Hanover Elementary) and Little Bison Preschool-Ready For More (Discovery Elementary).

Bison Preschool (Formerly known as Ready Set Grow)

3 years old by September 1, 2024

Preschool is an important part of building the skills your child will use as they move toward Kindergarten age. It is an exciting time for children to grow through learning with friends. During our Bison Preschool classes, children will experience large and small group activities that focus on language development, building social skills, pretend play, early academics including, early literacy, math, and writing skills. There are also opportunities for art, science, and outdoor play activities. Our preschool classes are taught by Licensed Early Teachers in partnership with Early Childhood Special Education teachers and are created for all children.

Bison Preschool offerings include, Three, Four, and Five Day All Day Options
Please Note: Parents are responsible for transportation to and from preschool.

Unique Offerings:

Bison Explore Nature Preschool

This unique Bison Preschool option (Hanover Elementary and Montrose Early Education Center) provides children with all of the opportunities of a traditional preschool program with a Nature Inspired focus. Children will have access to indoor and outdoor learning opportunities. Join us as we learn more about the natural world and our place in it.

Bison All Day Preschool

This Bison Preschool option is designed for 4 and 5 year old children the year before Kindergarten. This offering will focus on building friendships, early academic skills, and routines similar to Kindergarten, including eating breakfast and lunch at school. In addition, students will also have a quiet rest time as part of their school day.



What does this mean?

A 4-Star Quality Rating is given to early education providers that focus on high quality early learning and kindergarten readiness. Minnesota's 1 to 4 Star Rating System measures best practices identified by research that help children succeed.

Scholarships may be awarded to qualifying families whose children attend MN Parent Aware Star-Rated programs. To apply for a preschool voucher, contact your ECFE office at 763.682.8753 or Milestones at 800.288.8549.



Bison Preschool Schedule 2024-25

Location	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Discovery Elementary Room EC1	8-9:30 AM		Little Bison Ready for More 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 2.5-3.5 years Class 4034A		Little Bison Ready for More 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 2.5-3.5 years Class 4034A	
Discovery Elementary Room EC2	8-11 AM	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4204A	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4204A	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4204A	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4204A	
	12:30-3 PM	Bison Preschool 2 Day (M, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4204B	Bison Preschool 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 3-4 years Class 4204C	Bison Preschool 2 Day (M, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4204B	Bison Preschool 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 3-4 years Class 4204C	
Parkside Elementary Room 303	8-10:30 AM	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4205A	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4205A	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4205A		
	12-3 PM	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205B	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205B	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205B	Bison Preschool 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205B	
Parkside Elementary Room 307	8 AM- 2 PM	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205C	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205C	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205C	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205C	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4205C
Tatanka Elementary Room 116	8 AM- 2 PM	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4206A	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4206A	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4206A	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4206A	Bison Preschool All Day 5 Full day (M-F) Ages 4-5 years Class 4206A
Hanover Elementary Room 200	8-9:30 AM					Little Bison STEAM 1 Day Ages 2.5-3.5 years Class 4034B
	8-10:30 AM	Bison Preschool 2 Day (M, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4207A		Bison Preschool 2 Day (M, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4207A		
Hanover Elementary ECFE Room	8-10:15 AM	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4207B	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4207B	Bison Preschool 3 day (M, T, W) Ages 3-4 years Class 4207B		
	11:15-2:15 PM	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4207C	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4207C	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4207C	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4207C	
Montrose Early Education Center ECFE Room	8-9:30 AM	Little Bison Explore Nature 1 Day Ages 2.5-3.5 years Class 4034C				
	8-10:30 AM		Bison Preschool 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 3-4 years Class 4208A		Bison Preschool 2 Day (T, Th) Ages 3-4 years Class 4208A	
	12-3 PM	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4208B	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4208B	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4208B	Bison Preschool Explore Nature 4 Day (M-Th) Ages 4-5 years Class 4208B	

Preschool Options in Buffalo



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Parkside Elementary

207 3rd St NE, Buffalo

Bison Preschool (3 Days) 4205A

Ages 3-4 years
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Room 303
8 - 10:30 am
Miranda Weber

Bison Preschool (4 Days) 4205B

Ages 4-5 years
Monday - Thursday
Room 303
12 - 3 pm
Miranda Weber

Bison Preschool All Day (5 Days) 4205C

Ages 4-5 years
Monday - Friday
Room 307
8 am - 2 pm
Emily Pearson

Discovery Center

301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

Little Bison Ready for More (2 Days) 4034A

Ages 2.5-3.5 years
Tuesday & Thursday
Room EC1
8 - 9:30 am
Patty Lammers

Bison Preschool (2 Days) 4204B

Ages 3-4 years
Monday & Wednesday
Room EC2
12:30 - 3 pm
Jen Robeck

Bison Preschool (2 Days) 4204C

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Tuesday & Thursday
Room EC2
12:30 - 3 pm
Jen Robeck

Bison Preschool (4 Days) 4204A

Ages 4-5 years
Monday - Thursday
Room EC2
8 - 11 am
Jen Robeck

Tatanka Elementary

703 8th St NE, Buffalo

Bison Preschool All Day 5 Days 4208B

Ages 4-5 years
Monday - Friday
Room 307
8 am - 2 pm
Kristi Brundin

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9 monthly payments are due
September 2024 – May 2025

- 1 day per week = \$45 per month
- 2 days per week = \$120 per month
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- 4 days per week = \$240 per month
- 5 days per week = \$775 per month

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Check out Wrap-Around Care
for preschoolers through the
KidKare Program
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Preschool Options in Hanover & Montrose

Hanover Elementary

274 LaBeaux Ave NE, Hanover

Little Bison STEAM (1 Day)	4034B
Ages 2.5-3.5 years	
Friday	8 - 9:30 am
Room 200	Nicole Tuchscherer

Bison Preschool (2 Days)	4207A
Ages 3-4 years	
Monday & Wednesday	8 - 10:30 am
Room 200	Nicole Tuchscherer

Bison Preschool (3 Days)	4207B
Ages 3-4 years	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	8 - 10:15 am
ECFE Room	Annette Rabusch

Bison Preschool Explore Nature (4 Days)	4207C
Ages 4-5 years	
Monday - Thursday	11:15 am - 2:15 pm
ECFE Room	Annette Rabusch



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Montrose Early Education Center

115 2nd St S, Montrose

Little Bison Explore Nature (1 Day)	4034C
Ages 2.5-3.5 years	
Monday	8 - 9:30 am
ECFE Room	TBD

Bison Preschool (2 Days)	4208A
Ages 3-4 years	
Tuesday, Thursday	8 - 10:30 am
ECFE Room	TBD

Bison Preschool Explore Nature (4 Days)	4208B
Ages 4-5 years	
Monday - Thursday	12 - 3 pm
ECFE Room	TBD



Early Childhood Screening (Age 3-5 years)

Screening will check your child's overall development. The state of Minnesota recommends all children be screened before their 4th birthday in order to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school. **Screening is required within 90 days of beginning ECFE preschool.** Call **763.682.8408** or **763.682.8780** to schedule. Appointments available in Buffalo.



KidKare BHM SCHOOLS

KidKare KinderKids is a full day care program for ages 3-5 not yet in kindergarten. We offer childcare that "wraps around" your Ready, Set, Grow Preschool class as well as full day care on non-preschool class days at our Hanover, Montrose, Parkside and Tatanka locations. Drop your child off for care in the morning and our staff will escort them to class when it is time. After class, your child will be brought back to KidKare KinderKids until it is time to go home.



For more information, visit bhmschools.org/kidkare or contact Tiffany Lund, KidKare Coordinator, at 763.682.8787 or tlund@bhmschools.org. Registration opens July 1, 2024. Register at bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

3 Ways to Register for Preschool

Online bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com

By Phone 763.682.8780

In Person ECFE-Community Education Office
301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo (Door 1)

Contact ECFE at 763.682.8780 with questions or for our refund policy on classes, activities and programs.

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ECFE Family Fair

Gather your loved ones and come experience the fun of our delightful event designed for the whole family!

Family & Child Activities
BHM Board of Education
Book Giveaway
Community Partners
Entertainment
ECFE Advisory Council
Silent Auction
And much more!

Saturday
April 20
10AM-12:30PM

Discovery Elementary Gym
 301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

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Every Family Counts

Being on the census ensures that you will receive ECFE mailings, be notified of Early Childhood Screening and receive kindergarten information when your child becomes eligible to attend.

Call 763.682.8737 if you:

- ◆ Recently had a baby or adopted a child
- ◆ Moved to this district and/or changed your address
- ◆ Did not receive this catalog in the mail

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