Preschool 2024-2025
Registration opens February 29 at 8 am
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.

Registration opens Thursday, February 29 at 8 am
A $50 non-refundable registration fee reserves a place for your child in the preschool class of your choice.

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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.

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

Register online at bhmschools.ce.eleyo.com
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.

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Preschool Options at a Glance

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.

Questions? Call ECFE at 763.682.8780
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Preschool Options in Buffalo

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Discovery Center
301 2nd Ave NE, Buffalo

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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 (4 Days) 4204A
Ages 4-5 years
Monday - Thursday
Room EC2
8 - 11 am
Jen Robeck

Bison Preschool (2 Days) 4204C
Ages 3-4 years
Tuesday & Thursday
Room EC2
12:30 - 3 pm
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

Payment Information
A $50 non-refundable registration fee will reserve a place for your child in the class. 9 monthly payments are due: September 2024 – May 2025.
1 day per week = $45 per month
2 days per week = $120 per month
3 days per week = $150 per month
4 days per week = $240 per month
5 days per week = $775 per month

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**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 KinderKids**

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.

Tuition assistance may be available. Please contact ECFE office for more information.

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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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