

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**It's time for  
kindergarten!**



## 2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT GUIDE

[www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten)

*\*Spanish version available upon request.*



# WELCOME TO WAPS

Congratulations, you have a child who is eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2019! The transition to kindergarten is an exciting step into lifelong learning. Winona Area Public Schools offers outstanding and comprehensive programs with proven results. This booklet will walk you through the options and the process to become a future Winhawk.

## KINDERGARTEN EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 3**

### **Ríos Spanish Immersion Application**

Ríos Spanish Immersion Program will be accepting applications from February 4th through March 3rd.

To apply visit [www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten).

**FEBRUARY 18- 5:30-7:00PM**

### **Future Winhawk Registration Night**

During this event kindergarten families will have the opportunity to meet elementary principals, secretaries, representatives from district departments and ride a school bus! WAPS Tech Support will also be available to assist with registration needs. *Event is held at Winona Middle School.*

**MARCH 28 - 5:30-7:00PM**

### **Kindergarten Open House**

You are invited to visit your new school, meet teachers, tour classrooms and become part of the Winhawk family.

**Goodview Elementary** - 5100 W 9th Street, Goodview

**Jefferson Elementary** - 1268 W. 5th Street, Winona

**Washington-Kosciusko Elementary** - 365 Mankato Ave., Winona

**Ríos Spanish Immersion Program** - 1268 W. 5th Street, Winona

*\*\*If you do not plan to register your child for kindergarten in WAPS please fill out Non-Attendance Verification on [www.WinonaSchools.org/Kindergarten](http://www.WinonaSchools.org/Kindergarten). This will help us update our list for future communications.*

# KINDERGARTEN TO-DO LIST

## 1 Early Childhood Screening

Location of Screening

**Goodview Early Childhood**

Date & Time of Screening

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## 2 Future Winhawk Registration

**February 18 | 5:30-7:00pm**

Papers to bring with:

Immunization record

Verification of child's birth

Meet and greet WAPS

staff and ride a school bus!

## 3 Open House

**March 28th | 5:30-7:00pm**

Visit your school

Meet teachers

Tour classrooms

Explore playgrounds

Discover student resources

Meet your Principal

## 4 School Transportation

From home to school:

From school to home:

After school child care?

## 5 Meet Your Teacher

**August 29th** Welcome to School! Come meet your teacher and drop off your school supplies. First day of school is September 3rd.

## 6 School Schedule

School Starts: 7:45am

School Ends: 2:15pm

Breakfast | Free | \_\_: \_\_

Lunch | \$2.40 | \_\_: \_\_

Apply for Reduced Lunch

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

## Are Your Kids Ready?

Minnesota's Immunization Law

### Immunization Requirements

Use this chart as a guide to determine which vaccines are required to enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school (public or private).

Find the child's age/grade level and look to see if your child had the number of shots shown by the checkmarks under each vaccine. The table on the back shows the ages when doses are due.

Birth through 4 years Early childhood programs & Child care	Age: 5 through 6 years <sup>③</sup> For Kindergarten	Age: 7 through 11 years For 1 <sup>st</sup> through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Age: 12 years and older For 7 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
Hepatitis A (Hep A) ✓			
Hepatitis B (Hep B) ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B ✓✓✓	Hepatitis B <sup>⑦</sup> ✓✓✓
DTaP/DT ✓✓✓✓	DTaP/DT <sup>④</sup> ✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓ tetanus and diphtheria containing doses <sup>⑥</sup>	✓ Tdap <sup>⑧</sup> & at least 2 tetanus and diphtheria containing doses
Polio ✓✓✓	Polio <sup>⑤</sup> ✓✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓	Polio ✓✓✓
MMR ✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓	MMR ✓✓
Hib ✓			
Pneumococcal <sup>①</sup> ✓✓✓✓			Meningococcal <sup>⑨</sup> ✓ & booster
Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella <sup>②</sup> ✓✓	Varicella ✓✓

### Immunizations recommended but not required:

Influenza Annually for all children age 6 months and older			
Rotavirus For infants			Human papillomavirus At age 11-12 years

- ① Not required after 24 months.
- ② If the child has already had chickenpox disease, varicella shots are not required. If the disease occurred after 2010, the child's doctor must sign a form confirming disease.
- ③ First graders who are 6 years old and younger must follow the polio and DTaP/DT schedules for kindergarten.
- ④ Fifth shot of DTaP not needed if fourth shot was after age 4. Final dose of DTaP on or after age 4.
- ⑤ Fourth shot of polio not needed if third shot was after age 4. Final dose of polio on or after age 4.
- ⑥ Need proof of at least three tetanus and diphtheria containing doses. If up to date on DTaP/DT series, no additional doses needed.
- ⑦ An alternate two-shot schedule of hepatitis B may also be used for kids age 11 through 15 years.
- ⑧ One dose of Tdap is required beginning at 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Also need proof of at least two tetanus and diphtheria containing doses (DTaP/DT/Td). If a child received Tdap prior to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, another dose of Tdap is not needed.
- ⑨ One dose is required beginning at 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The booster dose is usually given at 16 years.

### Exemptions

To enroll in child care, early childhood programs, and school in Minnesota, children must show they've had these immunizations or file a legal exemption.

Parents may file a medical exemption signed by a health care provider or a non-medical exemption signed by a parent/guardian and notarized.

During online registration you will have the opportunity to inform us of any special conditions for your child that our health services should be made aware of. Our Student Health staff will also be available at Future Winhawk Registration Night February 18, 2019.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## HOW TO REGISTER

To register visit **[WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten](https://WinonaSchools.org/kindergarten)**. If your family is new to Winona Area Public Schools select "New Family"; if you have other children within the district select "Current Family". Infinite Campus is the WAPS registration site and it will walk you through the registration process.

### What do I need to register online?

- Electronic copy of your child's immunization record
- Electronic verification of your child's birth
- Family phone numbers
- Addresses
- Email
- Child care providers

### What if I do not have electronic copies?

No worries! Join us on February 18 for Future Winhawk Registration Night. You can bring your hard copies and we will make copies for you and attach to your account. WAPS Tech Support will also be available to support you.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

In Minnesota, all children are required to complete Early Childhood Screening before they enter public kindergarten. Screening is a free check of your child's development (language, thinking, physical skills) height, weight, vision and hearing.

### Make your appointment today!

- [WinonaSchools.org/screening](https://WinonaSchools.org/screening)
- 507.494.0913

## DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

The district provides transportation to and from an eligible home or daycare address located within your attendance area boundary only. The pick up and drop off location may differ, but need to be consistent every day and located at an eligible address in the attendance area.

### LEARN MORE

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## Ríos Spanish Immersion Program

The Ríos Spanish Immersion program provides educational experiences, that support academic and linguistic development in two languages and that develop students' appreciation of their own and other cultures.

### Features of the Ríos Spanish Immersion

- 90% of the K-2 student's academic time will include learning subject matter in Spanish
- Students will become proficient Spanish listeners, speakers, writers, and readers
- Students will master content in the same subject areas as their counterparts who do not attend the program
- Students will participate in art, music, and physical education taught in English
- Language Arts is taught in English starting in 3rd grade

