Discovery Place Preschool and Kids Club

2026-2027 Registration 4/5s

February 16, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Registrations are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 Discovery Place Preschool 4/5s classes and Kids Club daycare. Children must be 4 by September 1, 2026, and potty trained.
It is an exciting time at Discovery Place Preschool and Kids Club as we plan for next year.
Four- and 5-year-old preschool will be offered at both the Lakefield and Jackson campuses. The schedule for both campuses is Monday-Friday, 8:05-3:05 pm (early out on Wednesdays).
On the enclosed registration form, please indicate what campus and if your child will also attend Kids Club.
We have received the Voluntary PreK grant from the Minnesota Department of Education. What is Voluntary PreK? Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) is high-quality, publicly funded prekindergarten programs. Discovery Place Preschool is our district's Voluntary Preschool Program. Due to changes in Minnesota law, VPK eligibility requirements for Discovery Place Preschool have changed beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.
Children are eligible for free preschool if they are 4 years of age as of September 1 in the calendar year in which the school year begins and meet one of the following criteria:

- Qualifies for educational benefits
- Qualifies using state general financial eligibility requirements
- Is an English language learner
- Is an American Indian
- Has experienced homelessness in the last 24 months
- Is identified through health and developmental screening with a potential risk factor that may influence learning
- Is in foster care, kinship care, or is in need of child protection services
- Has a parent who is a migrant or seasonal agricultural laborer
- Has a parent who is incarcerated
- Is defined as at risk by the school district

Discovery Place Preschool encourages caregivers interested in our preschool program to complete the registration. If your child does not meet the new program eligibility requirements, he or she may still be enrolled in Discovery Place Preschool and may have to pay tuition. If you are interested in enrolling in Discovery Place Preschool but are unsure if your child meets the new eligibility requirements, please contact Amber Lessman, Riverside Principal/Preschool Director.
For the 2026-2027 school year, we have made it easier for families enrolled in both Discovery Place and Kids Club to make one payment for both preschool and daycare. We've also included a monthly or weekly payment option.
We will host an open house in Jackson and in Lakefield on Monday, March 23, from 4:30-6 pm if you would like to meet teachers and/or see our space. You do not need to attend the open house to register your child. You can mail the registration or drop it off at either Riverside or Pleasantview.
Your registration is not considered complete without the registration fee. If you have any questions about either Discovery Place Preschool or Kids Club, please feel free to contact us.
Thank you,

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