The following are some of the concepts and skills students should know and be able to do by the end of kindergarten:

**SOCIAL**
- Explains the difference between needs and wants
- Explains why rules are important
- Identifies symbols, songs, and traditions specific to Minnesota and the United States

**WRITING**
- Participates in group writing projects and research
- Listens to others
- Follows rules for discussions
- Participates in conversations with peers and adults
- Uses sound spelling to write words
- Recognizes and names end punctuation (e.g., period, question mark, exclamation mark)
- Capitalizes the first word in a sentence and the pronoun “I” when referring to oneself

**SCIENCE**
- Chooses good fit books to read for fun, interest and to learn
- Names characters, setting and major events in a story

**MATH**
- Adds...
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

In programs that ensure early learning programs strengthen young children’s health, literacy and social skills, as they prepare their way for success in life. Robbinsdale Area Schools include two, three and five-star programs. These early learning programs differ slightly in scope of services and type of placement. These options have in common the district’s Early Childhood Curriculum, which focuses on the healthy, holistic development of each child. All classes are taught by licensed Early Childhood teachers and are assisted by trained education assistants. Daily emphasis is placed on language, literacy, mathematics, science, social-emotional, physical growth and health, and creative arts. Early Childhood teachers understand the unique needs of young children and are well-prepared to address the children’s interests and abilities. Classroom activities are designed to meet the needs of every child and build a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE-SCHOOL

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) classes are designed to strengthen and support families. Caring adults (parents, guardians, primary caregivers) enroll children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years of age with children ages 7-17 in a 45-50 minute, once per week at New Hope Learning Center. Parents and children interact with other families in the class only once per week. After learning and playing with their children, parents meet together to share ideas, learn about current topics of interest, and support each other in their child development and build confidence in their parenting skills. Meanwhile, children continue their learning in the child’s classroom. The remaining days of the week are child-parent playtime and fee assistance available upon request. Call 763-524-1700 for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MOTHER-TO-MOTHER (M2M)

Early childhood screening allows you to connect face-to-face with a caring professional, who can talk to you one-on-one about your child’s health. Parent Education can provide information and resources at no cost. Licensed Parent Educators are available to families of children birth through their grade. Please call 763-504-5320 for more information.

EARLY HOMESCREENING

A monthly, Kindergarten Parent Newsletter is sent to families with provisional child eligibility. It is available on line. Parents can check their child’s eligibility, March through August, along with updates on immunization information. For more information on the newsletter, please call 763-504-7000. Temporarily, call 763-504-7000.

EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

For students who enter kindergarten before their fifth birthday, a minimum age of 5-1/2 years on September 1, Robbinsdale Area Schools have an Early Entrance to Kindergarten Program. Children who are between 5 and 6 years old on September 1, 2020, are eligible for full-day kindergarten. Please call 763-504-6610 for more information.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for Fall 2020 will be accepted at Fair School Pilgrim Lane and Hall Elementary. Registration forms are available at each site in the attendance area school, visit their website or contact the Enrollment Center at 763-504-8811 or j.dolliver@rdale.org. The registration deadline is Saturday, January 12, 2020 for preschools or February 1, 2020 for kindergartners.

KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

Robbinsdale Area Schools is pleased to offer tuition-free, full-day kindergarten to all students. Every family is eligible to attend kindergarten at any one of Robbinsdale Area Schools’ four school sites. For more information on Robbinsdale Area Schools’ kindergarten options, visit the Robbinsdale Early Childhood and Family Education (ECFE) Program website at http://www.rdale.org/earlyadventures for more information.

KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY

Children who turn five on or before September 1, 2020, are eligible to enroll in kindergarten the fall. For information on the kindergarten attendance area school, visit their website or contact the Enrollment Center at j.dolliver@rdale.org.

INFORMATION/REGISTRATION NIGHT

Families should mark their calendars now. September 20 and October 17, 2019, are the Robins Road Magnet Schools Information Nights. Kindergarten students in these neighborhoods will meet the principal. Families will be able to ask questions and learn about the programs offered within these attendance area schools. Please call 763-504-7688 if you need an interpreter. Additional information on magnet schools can be found in the Robbinsdale Area Schools district directory or at http://www.rdale.org/earlyadventures.

SCHOOL TRANSFER PROCESS AND BOARD APPROVAL

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