

Welcome families of kindergarten students!

Our mission in St. Cloud Area School District 742 focuses on children's success in school and in learning. We provide opportunities for discovery and development within a safe, caring and supportive environment.

Outstanding kindergarten teachers and staff eagerly await your child. We look forward to partnering with you as your child experiences a wide variety of learning opportunities.



DISTRICT 742 MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of District 742 is to prepare all learners, in partnership with their families and the community, to live and contribute within a changing and diverse world.



DISTRICT 742 IS COMMITTED TO THESE CORE VALUES:

- ◆ Academic Excellence
- ◆ Commitment to Individual Learners
- ◆ Multicultural Energy
- ◆ More Opportunities
- ◆ Leadership

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ST. CLOUD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 742



Kindergarten Information



What will my child learn in kindergarten?

Through a variety of learning experiences, the kindergarten curriculum addresses the following areas:

Social/Emotional Growth

Students learn to:

- ◆ Develop positive, constructive relationships
- ◆ Build self-confidence, self respect and respect for others
- ◆ Cooperate, negotiate, follow directions and problem solve
- ◆ Understand and appreciate our diverse society

Physical Growth

Students learn to:

- ◆ Develop small and large motor skills
- ◆ Develop independence and self-help skills

Intellectual Growth

Students learn skills and concepts in:

Language Arts

Reading—writing—rhyming—sight vocabulary—sequence and retelling—alphabet and sounds

Math

Numbers—counting—graphs—measuring—patterns—estimation—addition/subtraction—shapes—classification—money—telling time

Social Studies/Science/Health

Community helpers—careers—maps & globes—family—diversity—seasons—weather and environment—healthy eating habits

Fine Arts/Computers

Art—music—dance—creative drama—computer lab

What types of programs are available?

District 742 offers several choices to best meet your child's educational needs.

- ◆ **Half day classes** (available in all buildings)
- ◆ **Extended/all day classes** (available in all buildings at an additional cost)
- ◆ **Chinese Immersion classes** (all day class available at Madison Elementary—additional cost for all day)
- ◆ **Spanish Immersion classes** (all day class available at Clearview Elementary—additional cost for all day)
- ◆ **Jumpstart classes** (all day class available to English language learners new to our country—offered at Discovery and Talahi Elementary Schools)

Language Immersion Programs *-bringing the world to your doorstep-*

**CHINESE
IMMERSION**
at
**Madison
Elementary**



**SPANISH
IMMERSION**
at
**Clearview
Elementary**

Key Components:

- ◆ Full-day program starting in kindergarten.
- ◆ The second language is the language of instruction for all classroom instruction in kindergarten.
- ◆ The curriculum parallels the district curriculum in all subjects.
- ◆ Students will be taught to read in the second language until 3rd grade. At that time, there is direct instruction in English for reading in English.
- ◆ Students will continue to be taught the other subjects in the second language through 6th grade.
- ◆ Families are requested to make a seven year commitment to this program.

What is required to attend kindergarten?

Students need to:

- ◆ be five years old by September 1st
- ◆ be current with immunizations
- ◆ have completed an Early Childhood screening (offered through Community Education)

Immunization Requirements

- ◆ **5 DTP** (Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- ◆ **4 Polio**
- ◆ **2 MMR** (Measles, mumps, rubella)
(last shots given prior to Kindergarten entrance)

Also needed:

Series of 3 Hepatitis B and 2 Varicella

Immunization records must be returned to your child's school nurse by August 15

Early Childhood Screening

Minnesota law requires Early Childhood Screening for all children entering kindergarten in a public school.

If your child has not completed this **free** screening, please contact:

St. Cloud Community Education Center to schedule an appointment: 320-529-6500

Questions about Kindergarten?

Please call our **Schoolink Welcome Center.**

320-202-6897

