Pre-K Frequently Asked Questions

**Is my child age-eligible for Pre-K or Kindergarten?**
Your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible for our Pre-K program. Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible for Kindergarten.

**Where are your Pre-K programs offered?**
Pre-K is offered at our three elementary schools: Irving Pertzsch, Northern Hills and Eagle Bluff. We also have 5 community partner sites that offer our Pre-K program. These sites are: Children’s Tree House, Christian Chapel, First Lutheran, Gentle Lambs, and YMCA North. Please contact them directly for openings and questions on their enrollment process. Please note, you must also follow the enrollment process into the School District of Onalaska.

**Does your program ever fill up? Is there a deadline for registration?**
School District of Onalaska residents will have a spot in our Pre-K program. Some sections and sites fill up and placement is made on a first come first served basis.

**What class times and days of the week are classes?**
Pre-K runs Monday through Thursday. There are morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session is 8:00 a.m to 11:10 a.m. and the afternoon session is 12:10 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

**Do I have a choice in the session or site I’d like to have my child attend?**
We do our best to accommodate requests. However, some sessions fill up faster than others. When students use our district transportation, we will place them in a site and section that is most efficient for the bus schedule.

**When does enrollment start for next year?**
School District of Onalaska residents begins in March for the following school year. If you are not a resident and are applying for Open Enrollment, you must wait until you receive notification that your application has been approved.

**Where can I get enrollment forms?**
For your convenience all forms are available online on the School District website. You will need 3 additional items to complete enrollment. Verification of Residency, Immunization Records and Birth Certificate.

Items that can be used to provide Proof of Residency:
- Lease/Rental Agreement
- Driver’s license/state issued photo ID with current resident address
- Utility bill (gas/electric,cable/internet, or property tax bill)
- HUD-1 settlement statement, deed, escrow paperwork

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Do I have to be a resident of Onalaska in order for my child to attend the Onalaska Pre-K program?
Only School District of Onalaska residents are able to enroll their child(ren) in our district. The exception to the residency rule is to apply and be approved for [Open Enrollment](#) through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

How can I find out if I live in the School District of Onalaska boundary and which school my child will attend?
Our [District Boundary Map](#) will help you determine which elementary school district you live in. Please note, Pre-K students have different boundaries based on transportation needs. [Pre-K Boundary Map](#)

Do you provide transportation for Pre-K students?
We do offer transportation for students attending Pre-K at our school sites. A [Bus Agreement](#) must be completed. Your need for bus transportation determines the location and possibly session (morning or afternoon) that your child attends.

Is there a cost associated with our Pre-K program?
No, there is no cost or registration fee associated with our program. However, there may be some school supplies and snacks that you will be asked to provide.

If you have further questions regarding our Pre-K Program, please call 608-783-2453.