

Valley Crossing Elementary School

Multiage Choice Program

2017-2018 Kindergarten Enrollment

What is the Multiage Choice Program?

The multiage choice program is made up of classrooms where students of different ages are intentionally placed in the same classroom to take advantage of the natural diversity created. Instruction focuses on individual progress in both academic and social-emotional areas. At Valley Crossing, multiage classrooms are made up of kindergarten and first graders (K/1), second and third graders (2/3), and fourth and fifth graders (4/5). Students have the same classroom teacher for two years. This strengthens the relationship with students and families and helps teachers to know their students well. Teachers in multiage classrooms work together on teams to design and deliver instruction that is developmentally appropriate for learners. Children may work with another teacher on the team for a specific subject (most often math or reading). The multiage choice program is available for students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Who can apply?

Students who reside within the boundaries of District 833 are given first preference for enrollment in the multiage choice program. Kindergarten families who have completed an application and have been accepted into the multiage choice program will be allowed to continue through the elementary years.

How do students become enrolled?

Application forms for the 2017-18 school year will be available at the Multiage Choice Program Information Night on Jan. 23 at Valley Crossing Elementary, 9900 Park Crossing in Woodbury, and on the district web site at www.sowashco.org under “Parents” and then “Enrolling Students.”

Applications will be accepted at the District Service Center, 7362 E. Point Douglas Road S., Cottage Grove on regular business days from Jan. 24 through Feb. 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The initial deadline for accepting kindergarten applications is 4:00 p.m. on February 7.

Enrollment in the multiage choice program will be determined based on the number of applications received. Should the number of applications exceed the space available, a lottery would be held on Feb. 8. Families who are approved will be notified by telephone by Feb. 10. Families not selected by the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and notified by email no later than Feb. 11. Kindergarten students not selected into the multiage choice program should then plan to attend their boundary school kindergarten enrollment night on Feb. 21, 2017.

Students not accepted initially would be placed on a wait list and considered if future openings arise.

Where is the Multiage Choice Program located?

The multiage choice program is located at Valley Crossing Elementary School in Woodbury. The school also has single grade classrooms and is home to the district's Gateway Program.

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is provided for all District 833 families attending the multiage choice program who reside outside of the one mile walking distance of Valley Crossing Elementary School.

Is there half-day kindergarten in the multiage choice program?

No. Kindergarten students will be in classrooms with first grade students and for purposes of consistency, only the full day kindergarten program is available.

What are the class sizes?

The multiage choice program follows the same class size guidelines as other District 833 schools. Those thresholds are: Kindergarten (24); First Grade (25); Second Grade (27); Third Grade (28); Fourth Grade (32); and Fifth Grade (33).

What is the school start/end time?

Valley Crossing Elementary School is considered a late start school. The school day begins at 9:15 a.m. and concludes at 3:45 p.m.

How can I find out more?

Attend the Valley Crossing Multiage Program Information Night on Monday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m.

Tour Valley Crossing Elementary School on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Visit the Valley Crossing Elementary website <http://vces.sowashco.org/>