



AUGUST 2023

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August Connection to Community Resources features:

- **2023-24 School Year Info-** Key Dates, School Supplies: supplies for students, Donate & Tax Benefits, Early Childhood Screening ages 3-5
- **Fall Registrations -** Sign up dates, financial assistance, free English classes
- **Financial Wellness-** Free workshops
- **Food Resources, Renewing Medical Assistance,**
- **Upcoming Events-** Back to School Swap Aug 19, Band Together Aug 23, Gear Swap Sept 9-10, Fire Dept. Open House Aug 24, and Police Dept. Open House Sept 20

If you have a resource you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter or would like to connect regarding your specific situation, please let me know.

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Youth Mental Health First Aid

Calling all Coaches & Youth Workers

Working with youth can present a number of different challenges and opportunities. Be prepared to help your youth before it's a crisis situation. Training in Youth Mental Health First Aid can help increase your knowledge and awareness of mental wellness as well as mental health challenges. This training also provide a shared language across programs working with children and youth.

Individual and Organization training options are available.

[Register Here](#)

Training is free and available thanks to Change Inc. and Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative.

Who should get trained?

Adults who work with Adolescence ages 12-18

- *Coaches
- *Youth Workers
- *Teachers
- *School Staff
- *Activity Advisors
- *Parents
- *Youth Group Leaders
- *Intern Supervisors

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

EDINA FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 28 - GRADES 6-12 1st Day

AUGUST 28/29 -K-5 Connect/Assess Day

AUGUST 30 - GRADES K-5 1st Day

SEPT 5 - ELC/ECSE 1st Day

[FAMILY BACK TO SCHOOL](#)

[HANDBOOK](#)- go to place for all the information about the new school year.

Edina Schools Open House

Concord	Aug 24	7:30-9:00AM
Cornelia	Aug 24	8:00-10:00AM
Countryside	Aug 24	3:00-5:00PM
Spanish Immersion	Aug 24	2:00-5:00 PM
Creek Valley	Aug 24	8:00-9:30AM
Highlands	Aug 24	4:00-5:30PM
Normandale	Aug 24	4:30-6:00PM

Get Connect Days

South View	Aug 15	11:00-7:00PM
Valley View	Aug 16	8:30-5:30PM
EHS	Aug 24	11:00-6:00PM



School Supplies for Edina Students

Find your School Supply List for 2023-24

[Concord](#) [Cornelia](#) [Countryside Creek Valley](#) [Highlands](#) [Normandale](#)
[South View](#) [Valley View](#) [Edina High School](#) [Edina Virtual Pathways](#)

Get Help with Supplies

Any family who needs assistance getting a backpack/ school supplies can connect with their [school social worker](#).

Donate Supplies & Backpacks

Thank you to the many supporters who have donated supplies for students. A Special Thank you to VEAP for their collection as well as the Edina Senior Center collecting supplies in partnership with Edina Give and Go. To see what items are still needed visit. <https://bit.ly/bts23edina>

Tax Benefits for Purchasing School Supplies

As students of all ages prepare for another school year, the Minnesota Department of Revenue reminds parents and caregivers to save receipts on school supply purchases to claim valuable K-12 tax benefits when filing their taxes next year. Two tax benefits can help Minnesota families pay expenses related to their child's education: the refundable [K-12 Education Credit](#) (income limits apply) and the [K-12 Education Subtraction](#) (no income limits). Check out the two links above or [this video](#) to learn more about the K-12 education tax credit.



Apply for Educational Benefits

MDE Educational Benefit Applications are now available for the 2023-24. (formally known as Free & Reduced Lunch/Breakfast)

[Edina Public Schools](#)
[Richfield Public Schools](#)
[Hopkins Public Schools](#)

Families approved for Education Benefits qualify for free ACT testing; participation in College Possible program; college scholarships; some government benefits; discounts for things such as Comcast internet service, and discount tickets to various museums such as the MN Zoo, MN Science Museum, MN Children's Museum and more.



Screen at Age 3

Early Childhood Screening is a quick and easy way to check in on your child's health and development and connect them to amazing early childhood programming before they begin Kindergarten. It is recommended to screen between ages 3-4 to provide ample time for support should a need be identified. Screening is free and takes about 1 hour. Screening is required to begin Kindergarten.

[Learn More and Sign up for Screening Appointment](#)

ENGLISH CLASS / FAMILY LITERACY CLASS

ECFE Family Literacy Class

Edina Early Learning Center
Tues/Thurs 8:30-11:30

Open to families with children ages 0-5 who would like to increase their English language skills and attend Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). The Family Literacy Class is free for the parents and child. Class includes Parent/Child time as well as Parent Education and language. Adult language testing is required and will take place in August/September. Class begin Sept 5

[English](#) [Hindi](#) [Somali](#) [Spanish](#)

To learn more and sign-up email Early.Learning@Edinaschools.org or call [952-848-3964](tel:952-848-3964).

Free English Class for Adults

Tuesdays/Thursday 9 am-11:30 am

Interested in learning English but don't have a child? Contact Metro South to join the English class offered at the Edina Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes start Sept 5th. Registration and testing is Aug 29 or 31. Contact Katy at Metro South, 952-681-6123 to sign up.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH - FALL 2023

Fall Activities

Children & Youth Sports & Activities in Edina

[Registration dates/links](#)

Edina Community Ed Enrichment Classes

Adults & Youth Registration opens August 15

[Fall Catalog](#) [Register Here](#)

Edina Parks & Rec

Adult & Youth Registration opens at noon Aug 23 for residents and Aug 28 for non-residents

[Register Here](#)

EHS Fall Sports and Activities

[Register Here](#)

Financial Support

Needs-based assistance is available to participate in various youth programs in Edina.

Edina Community Ed

Enrichment Financial Aid Application for 2023-24 School Year

Edina Connect Card

Edina Parks & Rec Camps & Classes and various Athletic Associations. Cards must be renewed every 2 years.

Edina Give & Go

Up to \$1000 during the school year for Edina K-12 students to participate in Athletics, Arts or Academic offerings.

FOOD RESOURCES



VEAP Food Pantry

Fresh produce, perishables and food items of your preference. Drive-up model is currently used. You are welcome to visit twice per month. Call **952-888-9616** for an appointment

VEAP Mobile Pantry- open to everyone. Find a location near you. veap.org/events/



Loaves & Fishes

Meals To-Go are available to anyone in need. Locations are available throughout the metro area including Richfield, St Louis Park and Bloomington.

Find a dining site here. loavesandfishesmn.org/dining-sites/



FARE FOR ALL
Food that Makes Cents

FARE FOR ALL
Open to everyone. Purchase packs of frozen meats, fresh fruits & vegetables & special buys (\$10-\$30).
763-450-3880

fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/



HUNGER SOLUTIONS
Search for nearby food resources including food shelves, farmers markets, senior discounts and community food distributions
hungersolutions.org/find-help/



FARMERS MARKET
CENTENNIAL LAKES

Edina Farmer's Market
Thursdays 3:00pm-7:00pm
ends Sept28
Centennial Lakes Park
[Learn More](#)

FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is offering a free financial wellness workshops for community members

CLASE DE BIENESTAR FINANCIERO

GRATIS | Utilizando el plan de estudios Money Smart de la FDIC, esta clase de 8 horas cubre una variedad de temas, incluyendo presupuestos, administración del dinero, cómo acceder y comprender su informe de crédito, cómo administrar su historial de crédito y deuda, y cómo proteger su identidad y activos.

Aug 26 | 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM [PULSE AQUÍ PARA REGISTRARSE](#)

Request a free [Financial Counseling appointment](#)

Request a free [Renter Counseling appointment](#)

Request a free [Homebuyer Counseling appointment](#).

Learn More and Register for the Free CAP-HC Workshops at cap Hennepin.org/what-we-do/financial-services.html

Medical Assistance/ MinnesotaCare Renewal

Renewals for Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare is starting

<https://mn.gov/dhs/renewmycoverage/>

Look for your envelope with the Blue Dot to arrive in the mail during your renewal window

If you have moved in the last 3 years or will be moving soon, be sure to update your contact information to ensure renewal paperwork arrives.

- If you have Medical Assistance Or your household has both Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare, contact your county or tribe
- If you have MinnesotaCare, call Health Care Consumer Support at 651-297-3862

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 18/19: Back to School Kids Clothing Swap

Fri Aug 18: Donate gently used clothing 8:30 AM-4:30pm

Sat. Aug 19: Donate/Shop for used closing 9 AM- Noon

Edina Senior Center

[Learn More](#)

August 23: BAND TOGETHER

Join the Edina Education Fund for an outdoor concert event benefiting the Heal Together EPS Mental Health Campaign! Music by The Teardowns, Carpet Mode, Aiden Intro. Food Trucks. Suggest donation of \$5/student \$10/adults

6 PM-10 PM

Edina High School

[Learn More](#)

August 24: Career Counseling and Job Search Assistance

Drop in and meet with an employment counselor from CareerForce Bloomington for career counseling and job search assistance. They offer résumé critique, job interview coaching, and effective job search strategies.

1:30 PM- 4:00 PM

Edina Library
[Learn More](#)

August 24: Edina Fire Department 1 Open House

Come meet firefighters and check out fire trucks at this all ages, free event. Fire Demo at 5pm, spray a fire house, fire truck ride raffle, truck demos and more.

4:00 PM- 6:00 PM

Edina Fire Station 1, 6250 Tracy Ave, Edina

[Learn More](#)

August 31: Southdale Library Building Project Community Meeting

The meeting will include a presentation of community survey results and library highlights, as well as an introduction to project architects and preliminary design concepts for the Southdale Library and Edina Art Center on the existing library site.

6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

Southdale Library

[Learn More](#)

Sept 10 & 11: Edina Give and Go GEAR SWAP

Donate Gear Sept 9 8:30 AM -2 PM

Get Gear Sept 10 9:30 AM -1 PM

Edina Community Center- Door 7 (gyms)

[Learn More](#)

Sept 9 & 10: Edina Fall Into the Arts Festival

Sat 10 AM-6 PM

Sun 10 AM - 5 PM

Centennial Lakes Parks

[Learn More](#)

Sept 20: Edina Police Department Open House

Police Department Tours, K9 Team, Drone Team, Bomb Squad, Ninja Anywhere obstacle course, Food Trucks, Art Center and more.

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Edina City Hall, 4801 W 50th St

[Learn More](#)

Oct 7: Read with an Animal

Grades 1-3. Cuddle up with a certified therapy animal and practice reading aloud. Also available Dec 2.

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Southdale Library

[Learn More](#)

Nov 7: Election Day

School Board Elections

[Learn more](#)

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Free, confidential service for anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina*
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