
Athlos Academy St. Cloud understands that the early years of a child's life are crucial in creating a foundation for life-long learning and success, and we are excited about our kindergarten classes and kindergarten round-up! As your family prepares to place a student in kindergarten, you will need to ensure that in accordance with Minnesota statute, your child is ready. He/she is considered ready when he/she:

- Is at least 5 years of age by September 1st of the child's enrollment year (Minn. Stat. §120A.20).
- Has received early childhood screening (Minn. Stat. §121A.17).
- Has received medically acceptable immunizations (Minn. Stat. §121A.15).
- Has received a vision exam per a new law effective July 1, 2015 which requires Early Childhood Screening programs to record the date of the child's most recent comprehensive vision exam, if the child has received one, and to submit the data to MDE beginning July 15, 2016. The legislation defines "comprehensive vision examination" as an examination performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Athlos Academy St. Cloud is prepared to support and respond to all children's needs because children arrive at kindergarten with a wide range of experiences and competencies. When a child arrives at kindergarten he/she will exhibit his/her knowledge and skills across multiple learning areas as described in learning and academic standards. These include social and emotional, math/science/social studies (cognitive), physical, the arts, and language/literacy/communication domains. How each child develops and demonstrates skills in each learning area is different. Expectations at kindergarten entry are spelled out more fully in the ***Early Childhood Indicators of Progress: Minnesota's Early Learning Standards***. This list can be found on the Minnesota Department of Education website.

Athlos Academy St. Cloud will be partnering with an area screening agency and we will inform families of where and when these screenings will be held. A screening is required for entrance in Minnesota's public schools or within 30 days of enrollment into kindergarten.