

4K Parent Night

A public school program for Mukwonago four-year-olds

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#1 - History of 4K Discussions

- Originally part of rural education in Wisconsin until 1920
- Has been steadily increasing in popularity since the 80s
- Now, nearly all districts in Wisconsin have 4K again
- Mukwonago is gearing up for the fourth year of the program

#2 - Benefits of 4K

- Consistent preparation for 5K readiness
- WIMELS skills and knowledge
- Emphasis on reading/language development
- Socialization and social/emotional learning
- Early intervention for students with needs

#3 - Eligibility

- Must be 4 years old on/before Sept. 1, 2018
- Must be enrolled in MASD through resident enrollment or open enrollment

- 4K is not a required grade level
- If 5 years old, strongly encouraged to attend 5K (keep w/age peers)

#4 - The 4K School Day

- 2 ½ hrs per day
Typically 8:45 - 11:15 (AM)
or 12:45 - 3:15 (PM)
- AM and PM sessions not available at all sites
- Taught by a DPI-licensed teacher
- A tuition-free, public education program



#4 - The 4K School Day

- Centers, choice, play
- Social interaction, imagination
- Independent exploration
- Fine and large motor
- Sharing, group time, taking turns
- Skills (handwashing, boots, snacks)



#5 - Curriculum and Evaluation

All community partner sites use the same curriculum focusing on:

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Social & Emotional Development
- Science
- Math



At a appropriate level for four-year-olds

#5 - Curriculum and Evaluation

Student Assessment

- PALS 4K
- MASD progress report
- MASD report card
- Parent conferences



#5 - Curriculum and Evaluation

Support for students with special needs

- A process exists for identifying students in need of additional services through “home school”
- Support from school psychologists, speech/language pathologists, guidance counselors, and social workers as needed

Any child's ability to participate in 4K will not be affected by disability status or other factors.

#5 - Curriculum and Evaluation

Opportunities for parents to participate in outreach events

- At schools, partner sites, and in the community throughout the school year
- Will be shared through the district

Coordination and evaluation of the program

- Director meetings (monthly)
- Collaboration among all community partners
- Common evaluation and training for all teachers

#6 - Sites for 2018-19

- Community Partner Approach
 - KIDS CONNECTION #1 - AM/PM
 - KIDS CONNECTION #2 - AM/PM
 - LITTLE LAMBS CHILD CARE - AM
 - MUKWONAGO YMCA - AM/PM
 - ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - AM (*religious environment*)
 - ST. PAUL SCHOOL - AM (*religious environment*)
 - VERNON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER - AM/PM
- District schools may be considered as 4K sites by the school board for the 2019-20 school year

#7 - Transportation

- The MASD School Board is not comfortable with 4-year-olds riding buses, and since the program is a non-compulsory, choice-based program, busing will not be provided.
- The district will provide parents with a stipend for transportation reimbursement (commonly called a parent contract) for each student.

#8 - Application & Registration

- Registration - January 29 to March 29, 2018
 - Register ONLINE using the link from district website
 - Upload documents online
 - Birth certificate and proof of residency
 - Priority registration period - Ends February 28
 - Considerations: residency, prior affiliation, childcare needs, space constraints, registration time/date
 - Notification to families in mid-March
 - Registrations after 2/28 assigned based on space

#9 - Open Enrollment

- MUST apply for open enrollment via DPI (see website)
- Registration
 - Must also follow same registration process
 - Online registration, birth certificate, and confirmation of current school district
 - Formal acceptance will not be given until early June

Questions?

- **Introductions**
 - Partners available in cafeteria
- **All Information on Website**
 - Enrollment Forms
 - Program Information
 - Community Partners and Contact Info

District Website



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