

# 4K Parent Night

A tuition-free educational program for Mukwonago four-year-olds

# Overview



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# #1 - History of 4K Discussions

- Steadily increasing in popularity throughout Wisconsin
- Only 14 public school districts do NOT offer
  
- Last Discussion w/ School Board - Feb 2013
- Parent Survey & Exploration - Spring 2014
- Program Development - Winter 2014-15
- Program Approval - January 2015
- First 4K Classes in Mukwonago - Fall 2015

## #3 - Eligibility

- Must be 4 years old on/before Sept. 1, 2016
- 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, individualize)

# #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 developmentally appropriate level*



# #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
- PD for all teachers

## #6 - Sites for 2016 - 2017

- Community Partners
  - 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
- School sites may be considered for the 2017-2018 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 transportation reimbursement (commonly called a parent contract) for each student.

# #8 - Application & Registration

- Registration - January 18 to March 18, 2016
  - No online registration (different from last year)
  - Download forms from district website
  - In-person at district office
    - Bring birth certificate and proof of residency
  - Priority registration period - Ends February 29
    - Considerations: date/time of application, childcare needs, residency, prior affiliation, space constraints
  - Notification to families by March 24
  - Additional applicants assigned based on space

# #9 - Open Enrollment

- Must apply for open enrollment via DPI (see website)
- Registration
  - Must follow same registration process
    - Forms, birth certificate, and proof of residency
  - 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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SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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- Academic Standards
- Classroom Connections
- Internet Safety
- School Performance

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**Students, Staff, Community... Building Better Schools Together**

We truly embody our district's motto above and are extremely fortunate to have hardworking students, dedicated staff members, and tremendous support from our parents and community. It's a great recipe for success!