Who is eligible for MMSD-contracted 4K services through the UW campus programs?

Children who are:
- Re-enrolling in their current UW program;
- Four-years-old on, or before, September 1st and reside in the MMSD.

Children residing outside MMSD may also be eligible IF:
- their home district offers a similar DPI-approved 4K program.
- they enroll through the “open enrollment process” February 2011. Learn more at: http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html

Families not residing in the MMSD or qualifying through open enrollment may enroll in the 4K programs, but would have to pay tuition.

UW-Madison 4-K Programs

4K at Bernie’s Place:
#39 University Houses
(608) 263-1725
awelks@wisc.edu

4K at Eagle’s Wing:
611 Eagle Heights
(608) 265-3332
debb.schaubs@housing.wisc.edu

4K at UW Preschool Lab-Linden Site:
1300 Linden Drive
(608) 263-4579
jillnley@wisc.edu

4K at UW Preschool Lab-Mineral Point Rd:
3910 Mineral Point Road
(608) 265-4782
pevenson@wisc.edu

4K at University Houses Preschool:
#39 University Houses
(608) 238-3955
kmbeck@wisc.edu

4K at Waisman Center
1500 Highland Avenue
(608) 263-5760
ershler@waismanwisc.edu

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UW-Madison Campus Early Care & Education Programs

4-year-Old Kindergarten

For decades our campus early education and care programs have delivered excellent 4 year-old kindergarten to children and their families.

We are pleased to partner with Madison Metropolitan Schools (MMSD) in providing high quality early education through campus 4-K programs-- for all of Madison’s young children.

For detailed information, visit: http://occfr.wisc.edu/4-K.htm

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The early years are critical learning years. Research has shown that early learning in high quality play-based programs:

- supports school readiness for kindergarten, and
- encourages social, emotional, physical, language and cognitive development.

Our DPI certified teachers are specialists in early childhood education. They understand early brain development and appropriate teaching methods that support the “whole child.”

What kinds of 4K activities are available in Campus 4K programs?

Each center develops a unique curriculum based on intentional learning activities through play. Daily routines and educational activities build on the children's interests and give them time to actively explore, imagine, reflect and share while developing relationships with one another.

Benefits of Campus 4K programs

- Staff average 13 years experience teaching 4 year olds.
- Campus Programs all meet all state licensing and City of Madison Accreditation Standards
- All facilities & playgrounds are designed specifically for children under 5 years of age.
- Our “open door” & “family friendly approach.”

Benefits continued

- Continuity of care and attachments; Children can enroll early and transition yearly with peers.
- Small class sizes–max. 1:10 adult/child ratio.
- Fewer daily transitions and additional learning opportunities using the extended programming.
- All staff work in a team approach for the highest quality care for your child.
- Access to University resources to enrich your child’s experience.
- State-of-the-art educational consultation with UW Faculty connecting current research with best practice for all children including those with special needs.

If you want to enroll in a campus early childhood partner program, contact the center director.

Once you have secured a campus 4-K option, formally enroll with MMSD

Our directors will help you understand the enrollment process!

What about full day (extended education) programming?

- As we’ve always done, campus programs offer both full and part day programming
- For availability and enrollment, contact the campus site. The cost of this extended education and its availability will vary among sites.
- Note: there are additional charges to families for our campus programs beyond what the MMSD contract reimburses. Be sure to talk with individual program directors about all of these issues before you make a decision about where to enroll your child.

If you want only 4K part day programming with no extended educational programming:

You have two choices:
1) You can attend a campus program or
2) You can go to the MMSD for placement.

What about full day (extended education) programming?

Campus programs will continue to rely on parents for transportation just as is currently the case. Check with MMSD to see if you are eligible for other transportation assistance.

What is the schedule for 4-K?

Campus programs, by contract, must provide a total of 437 hours of early education and care over the academic year to children enrolled in 4K and will generally follow the MMSD calendar. However, some campus programs offer unique schedules for children and families. Contact your campus program for specific program dates.