



Watertown Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your inquiry into the Watertown 4 Kids Program. Watertown 4 Kids is a public school preschool program of preparing four-year-olds for school success. An abundance of research supports the value of four-year-old kindergarten for our children.

The Watertown 4 Kids Program is a collaborative community approach where the preschool programming is conducted in private preschool centers and elementary schools across the district. Each of the classrooms has a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction licensed kindergarten teacher and an adult assistant teacher. Watertown 4Kids sites include Douglas Elementary School, Gingerbread Preschool, Jefferson County Head Start, Lincoln STEM Elementary School, Schurz Elementary School, and Webster Elementary School.

Enrollment will be online at www.watertown.k12.wi.us. Enrollment will begin on Monday, February 5th at 10 AM. Please note, if you enroll your child before Monday, February 5th at 10:00 AM for the 2024-2025 school year, your application will be denied and you will have to reapply.

Enrollments for our half-day program are accepted for priority placement by first come first serve. We will have room for all 4 year olds in the half-day program, but have limited class sizes at each site. Final sites and sections will be determined by enrollment.

The Watertown Unified School District will offer Full Day 4K and Full Day 4K Bilingual options for a limited number of students. Full Day 4K students will attend 4K following the elementary school calendar, attending from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a limited number of spots available in our full day programs. Families who are interested in a full day option should indicate on the online application. A lottery of all interested families will be held at the beginning of April and families will be notified of their placement by mid-May, 2024. **If you are interested in the full-day program, please enroll by April 5, 2024.**

If you need online access, you can come to the ESC at 111 Dodge Street from 7:45-4:30 Monday-Friday by appointment.

After completing the online enrollment process, please note, you will be contacted to provide your son/daughter's birth certificate or hospital record to verify birthdate and turn in immunization information before the start of the school year.

To be eligible for 4-year-old kindergarten, a child must be 4 years of age on or before September 1. Your child must be immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and hepatitis B. The Hib (Haemophilus influenzae B) and PCV (pneumococcal) vaccines are also required for children who attend day care in a licensed center in addition to the 4K program. Your child must be immunized against varicella (chicken pox) if he/she has not had the disease.

You will be notified mid-May 2024 by mail of your child's 4K site placement.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to welcoming your child to our Watertown 4Kids program!

Sincerely,
Jenny Borst
Director of Curriculum and Instruction