

# Welcome!



# CLASS OF 2039



McFarland School District

Meeting the needs of  
every learner every day



## Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome!
- Presentation of information
- Question/Answer Forum

<http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us/schools/elementary/Elem-4K.cfm>



# MCFarland's 4K SITES/STAFF



Lead Teachers - **Becky Bierman-CEPS location**  
**Caitlyn Hymer**

Assistant Teachers -**Lauren Mickelson-CEPS**  
**Hannah Hubbard**

Director- **Denise Kuehl**



Lead Teacher - **Katie Schaaf**  
Assistant Teacher - **Beth Miller**  
Director - **Sara Phelan**



Lead Teacher - **Ally Uebelacker**  
Assistant Teacher - **Julia Nesbitt**  
Director - **Lindsey Charlesworth**



District Staff	Also working with 4K students
Special Education Teachers	Jess Fischer, Mel Wiswell
CEPS School Counselor	Kate Hipenbecker
Speech & Language Therapists	Angela Eilbes, Amanda Geisinger
	Rachel Lamps, Meredith Stensven
Occupational Therapists	Kendra Shelton, Tracy Hohn-Paulat
Physical Therapist	Ann Bruhn
Literacy Specialist	Lori Lovell
CEPS Psychologist	Bekah Hulse
CEPS Social Worker	Amber Booth
CEPS Program Support Teacher	Keri Bockenbauer
ESL Specialist	Aileen Swan
Principal & Associate Principal	Greg Nelson & Brooke Hauser
4K Coordinator	Emily Broome
CEPS Building Administrative Assistant	Lyndsey Niebuhr







- Early learning program supported by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
- All classes are taught by a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Pre-Kindergarten certified teacher.
- Tuition-free
- Community-based approach to 4K, meaning children are taught in collaborating sites.
- Partner sites offer extended childcare.
- Parents are responsible for childcare costs beyond the 4K program.



# Who is eligible to attend?

- Children residing within the McFarland School District who **turn 4 on or before September 1, 2025**.
- There are NO early admissions.
- It is a one-year program and students participate the year immediately preceding kindergarten.
- The McFarland School District's policy is that we do not retain students to repeat 4K. In fact, kindergarten teachers are trained and prepared to meet all incoming kindergarten students where they are at!
- Open Enrollment has availability (27 spots) for the 2025-2026 school year.



# Benefits of a Community-Based 4K Program

- Works collaboratively with childcare providers
- Builds relationships and improves coordination with private preschools and childcare facilities
- Improves and maintains high quality of childcare/preschool settings
- Meets the needs of working families in a more coordinated way



# Important Details

**Teacher/Child Ratio:** approximately 18-20 students to 2 teachers

**Calendar:** First Day of 4K will be Wednesday, September 3, 2025

149 days (3 hrs/day = 447 hrs of Direct Instruction)

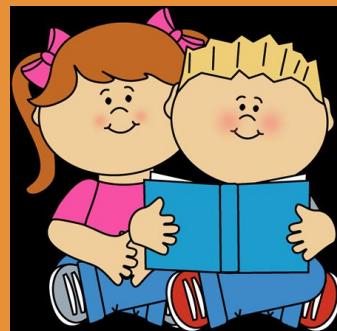
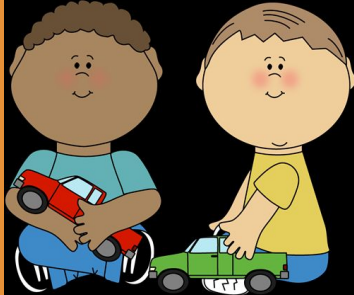
Vacations & Holidays follow the McFarland School District calendar

**Days:** Monday through Thursday and every Friday beginning April 10th. All estimated times - could change a bit due to transportation routes.

- Ginger Bread House (GBH)
  - GBH - Larson Beach Rd - 8:25-11:25 am, 12:10-3:10 pm
  - GBH- CEPS location - 8:30-11:30 am, 12:15-3:15 pm
- Child Life Ministries (CLM) - 8:20-11:20 am, 12:05-3:05 pm
- Little Spartans (LS) - 8:20-11:20 am, 12:05-3:05 pm

**Collaborative Staff:** DPI Licensed Teachers and Assistants, Early Childhood teachers and assistants, speech/language pathologists, occupational/physical





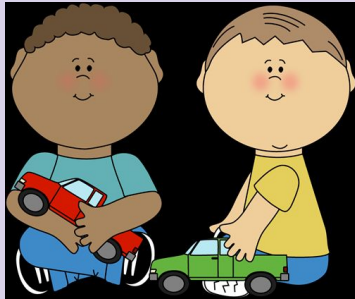


# 4K Day

- Circle time
- Free choice time
- Snack
- Outside play/movement
- Project time
- Bridges Math
- Handwriting/writing
- Writing
- Literacy
- Social Emotional Skills







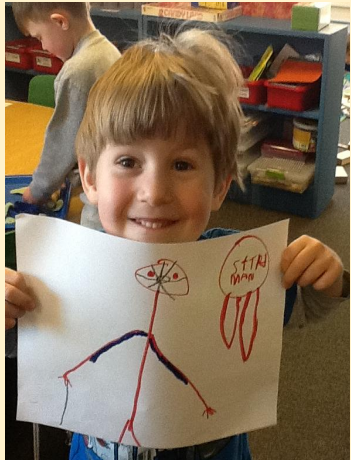






# 4K Curriculum

- Aligned to the **Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards** (focus on learning through play and active exploration)
- **Literacy:** "Handwriting Without Tears," Heggerty (Phonemic Awareness), Interactive Read-alouds
- **Math:** "Bridges in Mathematics"
- **Social-Emotional:** Second Step
- **Assessment Resources:** Aimsweb Literacy Screening (PreK)
- **Report cards** are given to families 2x a year
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are held 2x a year









# Outreach Opportunities

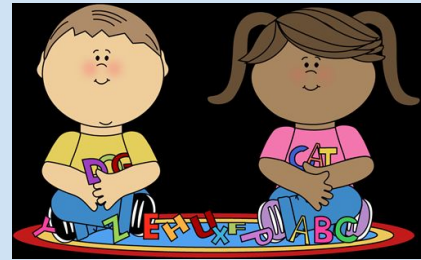
- Provide a minimum of 87.5 hours per year
- Family Fun Activities
- 4K Site Parent/child Activities at "School"
- Newsletters & Take Home activities
- Parent-Teacher Conferences, 2x year
- 4K Special Events at CEPS (K-2 school)  
(i.e. Fall Fun night,  
Spring Craft night)
- 4K-5 District Sponsored  
Events, PTO & others













# How do I register my child for 4K?

- **Online Registration System (OLR)** opened 2/3. Go to [www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us](http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us) to get started
- Parents will indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> location/time preferences as part of the online process
- Parents will indicate **transportation** needs- Busing is available for both AM & PM sessions. Bus Information will be on school district website late May/early June.
- OLR should be completed by **April 11 (to be included in the 4/15 placement email)**. If after 4/11, you'll find out placement within two weeks. If a resident, can enroll anytime.
- You will know location of placement (site and time) on **April 15th- Emails will be sent by Emily**
- No 4K fees or August online registration (both start in Kindergarten). \*Optional yearbook fee can be paid via Infinite Campus or cash/check to McFarland PTO



# How does the placement process work?

1. All completed registration materials (including proof of residency & birth certificate) must be done online or returned to Emily.
2. Students who receive district services such as special education, English Language Learner support, or speech and language therapies receive preferential placement.
3. DEPENDENT on space, children who are currently enrolled in preschool/childcare at one of our collaborating sites (CLM, GBH or LS) will receive preferential placement if they choose that location for 4K.
4. Factors such as gender, transportation, balanced enrollment in AM and PM classes, and location requests are considered.
5. McFarland School District is responsible for all placement decisions.



# Transportation

- Families can provide transportation to/from 4K
- Bus Transportation will be provided in the AM & PM programs. Bus details for 25-26 will be on the website in May/June
- Will log into StopFinder for bus routes/times- late August





**Mark your Calendars- District Wide Picture Days- 8/25 OR 8/26 at MHS Cafeteria**

**\*First Day of 4K, Wednesday, 9/3**

Teachers will email summer newsletters in mid August. Sneak-A-Peek nights (meet the teacher/supply drop off) will be included as well

**If you have any questions about 4K ~**

**Contact Emily Broome, 4K Coordinator**  
608-838-4581 or  
broomee@mcfbsd.org



# What should I do next?

If you haven't already done so, please register your child using the Online Registration (OLR) system (on the district website)

\***birth certificate** and **proof of residency** can be uploaded or emailed/brought in to the office

**Emily Broome**

McFarland District office

(or forms can be taken to CEPS office)

between 7:30 -4:00 pm

**Resources** from tonight's meeting include -

- <http://www.mcfarland.k12.wi.us> (click on the 4K button)





Questions?

