



# kindergarten

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CEDARBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 4K FAQs

The purpose of the 4K FAQs, is to provide parents/guardians with answers to questions they might have around: enrollment, transportation, school assignment, and other questions pertinent to enrolling their child in the Cedarburg School District 4K program.

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### **AGE & ENROLLMENT**

#### **How old does my child need to be, to enroll in 4K?**

In the year of enrollment, a child is eligible for entrance into four year old kindergarten if s/he attains the age of four (4) on or before September 1st. Students who have attained the age of five (5) on or before September 1st, are eligible for entrance to five year old kindergarten.

#### **Can a parent enroll a 5 year old into 4K?**

Children must be 4 years of age on or before September 1st to enroll in four year old kindergarten, and a resident of Cedarburg School District. If a child is 5 years of age by September 1st, and the parent wishes to enroll them in four year old kindergarten instead, the parent would be required to appeal their late entrance request.

#### **Can a parent/guardian appeal to the district for early entrance to 4K if a child is four years of age prior to September 1st?**

No; there is no appeal process for early entrance to four year old kindergarten (4K). Once enrolled, the district continually assesses the development of students and at times utilizes a problem solving team (made up of district staff and parent/guardian) to consider ways to best meet the needs of the student.

#### **Can my child enroll in 4K for two consecutive years and then enter kindergarten?**

Retention, regardless of grade, is a significant intervention applied in exceptional cases. Retention decisions are processed through each school's problem solving team which includes the parent/guardian.

#### **Can a parent/guardian enroll their child in 4K on a part-time basis?**

No, attendance in 4K is a five day, half day program comprised of either a morning OR afternoon session.

## **SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT**

**Can a parent/guardian request that their child be enrolled at a different elementary school?**

No, the district does not provide for intradistrict transfers.

**Can the school district adjust or change my child's 4K school placement?**

The district's preference is to always have the student attend their attendance area school. The Superintendent may assign a student to a school other than their home-school based upon class sizes, the needs of the district or where a placement change is in the best interest of the student.

## **PROGRAMMING QUESTIONS**

**What is the 4K schedule?**

- ***Morning Session:*** 8:50-11:35 AM
- ***Afternoon Session:*** 12:50-3:35 PM
- 4K students follow the same district calendar
- Monday through Friday, a five day program

**Will parents/guardians be able to select which a.m./p.m. session their child attends?**

Parents/guardians will be asked to share their preferences of whether or not their child attends the a.m./p.m. 4K session through the **New Student Online Enrollment / Step 1** process. The following placement criteria are applied when considering placement of students:

- Personalized needs of students that the district is made aware of
- Size of class and where possible, balanced class by number of girls/boys
- For those families who qualify for district's busing, incorporate Riteway Bus Service's route clustering recommendations
- Needs of families

**If my child has an Individual Education Program (IEP), will they be enrolled at their neighborhood school?**

The IEP team, which includes parents/guardians, will determine the most appropriate placement for the student.

**What registration fees will parents be asked to pay to enroll their child in 4K?**

Parents/guardians will pay half of the 5K kindergarten registration fee.

**Will my child receive lunch during my child's 4K program?**

Lunch is not a part of the 4K program.