

# New Morning Nursery School - 4K FAQs

## What Is 4K?

4K is an optional program that provides 437 hours of instruction, at no charge, to families who live in the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD). 4K is offered at many MMSD elementary schools and partnering childcare centers in the City of Madison, as well as other surrounding communities (Cross Plains, Monona, Middleton, and Verona). 4K is a developmentally appropriate, play based program. The program must be safe, nurturing, challenging and non-bias. It should be sensitive to cultural and family needs, flexible to meet the needs of a diverse population, and designed to promote partnerships with families. Partner programs must be licensed by the State of Wisconsin and accredited by the City of Madison or NAEYC. The curriculum should be aligned with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMEELS) and accreditation criteria. New Morning has been providing such a program for 4 year olds for over 47 years.

## Who is Eligible?

Children who live in the MMSD area and are 4 years old on or before Sept 1 are eligible to enroll in 4K. A child can only attend a 4K program once at no charge. A child who is 5 on Sept 1 may enroll in a 4K program if s/he did not attend one the previous year for free. Four year olds enrolled in a morning or afternoon 4K program in a public school may enroll in the New Morning 4K program for the other part of the day, but would have to pay NM tuition. If space is available, children who are at least 3 yrs 9 months on 9/1 may enroll in the afternoon 4K class, but would have to pay tuition. Families who live outside of the MMSD and whose home school district offers 4K should apply for Open Enrollment with DPI in order to enroll in New Morning's 4K program at no charge.

## What is the New Morning 4K Program Schedule?

New Morning offers a morning and an afternoon 4K program with 20 four year olds and two DPI certified early childhood teachers per class. Our program meets Monday through Friday 8:27-11:00, or 1:00-3:33. We follow the MMSD calendar with regard to major breaks. There is an option to extend each day 30 minutes and/or add lunch bunch. Tuition and an application fee will be charged for these add-ons. Enrollment will not be affected by whether families add on to the free 4K portion of their child's day, but by doing so; they help make up the difference between the actual tuition and the MMSD per child reimbursement. The school district pays \$3,794 per 4K student annually; the tuition for our 4K program is \$5,355 per student.

## What is the Application/Registration Process For 4K?

### Madison Resident- Current or Alumni Family

1. New Morning applications will be distributed to current families and mailed to alumni families in early January. Fill out the application and return it to the office by 4 pm, January 16, 2020
2. Current families will receive confirmation of placement and a contract by 2/3. Return your signed contract, with any required payment, by February 14, 2020
3. Register your child for 4K by filling out the on-line registration form for the 2020-21 school year on the MMSD website, beginning February 24, 2020, [www.mmsd.org/enroll](http://www.mmsd.org/enroll). Request New Morning Nursery School as your first choice. Do **NOT** request transportation on your MMSD application, New Morning is not a transportation site.

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4. Print a copy of the MMSD registration verification pages and bring them to the NM office along with proof of residency, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and a copies of both parents' driver's license as soon as possible from 8:30-12 or 1-4pm, accompanied by a check made out to NM for the \$40 materials fee. If you have other children in higher grades in MMSD your residence will already be on file and you will only have one verification page for your child's date of birth.

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## **How Will Placements Be Determined?**

Currently enrolled New Morning students will have priority for New Morning 4K spots if they successfully complete the enrollment process at New Morning and with MMSD. The placement priority hierarchy will apply for the 4K classes and a lottery will be used if more students apply than the number of spaces available in a class. Alumni and new family applications will be processed after current family applications. Current families will receive confirmation of placement from New Morning by February 3, new families by February 17, 2020. If no space is available when your application is processed, you can place your child on our waiting list.

## **What is the Materials Fee for 4K?**

All 4K students enrolled in MMSD are required to pay a \$40 per student materials fee. These fees are given to the attendance school and are used to offset the cost of district mandated documents required to administer the 4K program. New Morning will collect these fees along with the MMSD enrollment confirmation documents in early spring. Please make your check payable to NMNS and return it with your verification papers. New morning will notify the school district that you have paid your fees.