

New Morning Nursery School - 4K FAQs

What Is 4K?

4K is an optional program that provides a minimum of 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 (WMELS) and accreditation criteria. New Morning has been providing such a program for 4 year olds for over 50 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 a 4K program at no charge. A child can only attend a 4K program once at no charge. Four year olds enrolled in a morning 4K program in a public school may enroll in the New Morning afternoon 4K program for the other part of the day, as a private student. A child who is 5 on Sept 1 may enroll in a 4K program at no charge if they did not attend one the previous year for free. Children who attended free 4K when they were four can enroll in our 4K program for a second year as a private student. If space is available, children who are at least 3 yrs 9 months on 9/1 may enroll in the afternoon 4K class, as a private student. Families who live outside of the MMSD and whose home school district offers 4K can attend New Morning's 4K program at no charge by applying for Open Enrollment with DPI.

What is the New Morning 4K Program Schedule?

New Morning offers a morning or an afternoon 4K program with 20 four year olds and two DPI certified early childhood teachers per class. Our program meets Monday through Friday 8:30-11:00, or 1:00-3:30. 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 \$4,092 per 4K student annually; the tuition for our 4K program (2.5 hrs/day M-F) is \$6,125 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, January 13, 2023
2. Current families will receive confirmation of placement and a contract by 2/3. Return your signed contract, with any required payment, by February 15, 2023. All MMSD students are required to pay a \$40 materials fee.
3. Register your child for 4K by filling out the on-line registration form for the 2023-24 school year on the MMSD website in late February, www.madison.k12.wi.us/families/enrollment . Request a community site and select New Morning Nursery School as your first choice. Do **NOT** request transportation on your MMSD application, New Morning is not a transportation site.
4. Bring verification documents to the NM office. The verification documents needed are your child's birth certificate, driver's license or passport for both parents. If this is the first child you've registered in the MMSD system, provide a utility bill, lease or mortgage statement showing your address. You can also scan and send all of these documents by email. Office hours are 8:00-11:30 or 1-4pm on school days.

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Madison Resident - New Family

1. New Morning applications will be sent to families on the mailing list in early January, 2023. They can also be found on our website after 1/1/23. Fill out the application and return it to the office as soon as possible. New family applications are considered according to the date of receipt.
2. New families will receive confirmation of placement and a contract by 2/17/23. Return your signed contract, with any required payment, by the date indicated on the confirmation sheet. All MMSD students are required to pay a \$40 materials fee.
3. Register your child for 4K by filling out the on-line registration form for the 2023-24 school year on the MMSD website in late February, www.madison.k12.wi.us/families/enrollment . 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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Additional Steps for Non-Madison Residents – All Families

1. Follow all of the steps listed above based on you family's status.
2. Check with your resident school district to see if they allow 4K transfers to MMSD.
3. Fill out an on-line application for Open Enrollment beginning February 6, 2023-April 28, 2023 at Department of Public Instruction website, www.dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment . MMSD will notify families of their decision in April.

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, 2023. 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 send a materials fee payment to the school district.