

4K Sites

East Elementary School 4K

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Headstart 4K

618 Bakertown Road

(920) 674-5577

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Small World Preschool and 4K

324 S. Sanborn Avenue, Jefferson

(920) 675-0123

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Sullivan Elementary School 4K

618 Bakertown Road

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Program Overview

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4K Program Description

The School District of Jefferson, in collaboration with our community partners, is committed to providing a quality educational program for your four year old in a nurturing, play-based, and developmentally appropriate preschool environment.

We believe that instead of equipping children with specific academic skills in 4K, we can best prepare your child for school by providing opportunities to learn through playing, talking, experimenting and interacting in a relaxed and supportive environment. We believe children grow and develop at different rates, but that all are born with a great capacity to learn.

In Wisconsin, state statutes clearly define that age is the only criteria for entering 4K (child must be 4 years old on or before September 1st) and kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 1st). Eligibility for 4K and kindergarten is not determined based on a child's ability or level of skill development.

Children are enrolled in the School District of Jefferson's 4K program and are taught in either a community/daycare setting or within our elementary schools. A listing of our 4K sites is included in this brochure. For more information regarding the School District of Jefferson, please visit our website:

www.sdoj.org

4K Program Description

We have 4K classrooms at East Elementary, Sullivan Elementary, and Small World Preschool. All classrooms are taught by highly qualified DPI licensed teachers.

Our classrooms run Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-11:05 am or 11:50 am-3:00 pm and follow the school district calendar. Headstart 4K offers a full-day program Monday-Thursday from 8:15 am-3:15 pm.

The school district sponsored portion of the day is tuition free. However, there is a one-time \$20 registration fee. Wrap-around childcare is offered at Sullivan Elementary from 11:05 am-6:00 pm and at East Elementary in Jefferson from 7:00 am-6:00 pm. Parents are responsible for arranging and paying the cost of wrap-around childcare beyond the 4K hours.

The 4K program is intended to be a one year program that children enter the year before they enter kindergarten. We encourage parents to enroll their age-eligible child and not delay entrance based on concern the child is going to be young for his or her class. Children arrive in both 4K and kindergarten with a wide variety of abilities, and that is perfectly normal. Our responsibility is to meet the needs of all children regardless of their age or developmental level.

We encourage all parents to visit the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website to read information on "Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten" at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/early-childhood/kind/readiness>

You can find more information on the research and practices related to delaying entrance to kindergarten at "Voices From the Field" Wisconsin Early Childhood Education and Care Stakeholders Consider Delayed Entrance to Kindergarten. To view this document, please visit: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I enroll my child in 4K?

A: Complete the pre-registration form online at www.sdoj.org

OR

Come in to fill out a pre-registration form at the district office (206 S. Taft Avenue), at one of our community partners, or at any of our school buildings.

Q: Do parents have a say in which location their child will attend?

A: The pre-registration form asks parents to list their top two 4K site preferences. The School District will make every effort possible to honor parents' first preference. If a family does not receive their first preference, the 4K Administrator will contact the family to discuss options.

Q: Will busing be available for my child?

A: If a family lives outside the city limits of Jefferson, busing will be made available to their child. If a family resides within the city limits and would like busing, to a licensed childcare provider, contract services may be purchased through Dousman Transport Company.

Q: Can my child open enroll into the 4K program if we reside in another district's boundaries?

A: A family may open enroll their child into the Jefferson 4K program as long as their resident district also has a 4K program. For more information, please visit the Wisconsin DPI website:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

Q: If we move into the district after September 1st, can my child still sign up for 4K?

A: Yes. Please contact the 4K Office to go through the enrollment process at (920) 675-1043.