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## **Montessori School of Waukesha 4K FAQ's**

### **Does Montessori School of Waukesha (MSW) offer 4K?**

The School Districts of Waukesha (SDW) and Kettle Moraine (KMSD) have contracted with local schools and day-cares to provide 4K educational services. MSW is one of those "Community Partners" for both districts. Students are registered and enrolled as students in the districts, but the education is provided at MSW by MSW faculty. The 4K students are placed in one of the five existing MSW Children's House classrooms; each is comprised of 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Every classroom in the building is a multi-age classroom, so there is no separate "4K" classroom. As a result, no child is limited to a "4K" curriculum. Children will be introduced to new work as they master the pre-requisite skills, regardless of chronological age.

### **Does MSW use the district curriculum?**

All students will be instructed within a Montessori environment utilizing the Montessori curriculum. Each Children's House classroom has a Department of Public Instruction licensed teacher (as required by public school districts) and a Montessori certified teacher (as required by MSW Board and administration.) The Montessori curriculum at a minimum meets 4K state or district standards, but most often exceeds them. All of the sites use the same Progress Report at the end of each semester, but the activities and method of teaching will vary between sites.

### **How do I get my child registered for 4K?**

MSW currently has one Afternoon 4K opening for the 2011/2012 school year. Please call Michelle Krauska at the school (262-547-2545) for registration information.

Starting in February each year, parents of 4 year olds in the district should receive a registration packet in the mail. If your 4 year old is your oldest child, it is likely that you are not in the district database. Please contact Michelle Krauska at MSW at 262-547-2545 for a packet or you can also download one from either of the district websites.

For the 2012/2013 school year, currently enrolled students (students enrolled at MSW for the 2011/2012 school year who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2012) will be Pre-registered, subject to MSW's receipt of registration materials. Siblings of former 4K students will also be Pre-Registered in any remaining openings subject to MSW's receipt of registration materials.

Registration Day for all remaining SDW 4K students will be mid-March, 2012. Watch the SDW website for complete information. A reminder that you must bring all completed forms, a birth certificate or passport for your child to verify date of birth, a copy of a parent driver's license or ID and a copy of a utility bill or lease agreement to verify residence. Registration for KMSD 4K occurs at the district office in Wales.

**What are the hours of the 4K program at MSW?**

MSW offers a morning program and an afternoon program. The morning program is from 8:30 to 11:45. The afternoon program is from 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Before & After care is available from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. for a separate fee. Both programs are four days per week, Monday through Thursday, with Fridays available for purchase. Both districts also establish “Non-4K Days” which are typically early release days in the district schools.

This year there were 7 of these days in the SDW and 13 in KMSD. Since Children’s Houses are open for the 3 and 5 year olds, you may request that your child attend these days and you will be billed accordingly. Bussing is not provided for 4K, so parents must provide transportation for the students.

**Who should I call if I want more information or to schedule a tour of MSW?**

Michelle Krauska, Assistant Director, schedules and conducts tours; contact her at 262-547-2545 or [mkrauska@msow.org](mailto:mkrauska@msow.org).

