

Deerfield Elementary School's 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Mission Statement:

Every child in
Deerfield should be
provided the
opportunity to have a
positive early learning
experience.



Importance of School Attendance

Our 4K program is divided into two sessions. The morning session runs from 7:50 am to 10:35 am and the afternoon session runs from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm.

School attendance is both a right and a responsibility. The school district is an active partner with students and parents in the task of ensuring that all students meet or exceed the Wisconsin state learning standards. Research continues to show that regular school attendance is directly related to positive student achievement and growth. It is recognized that absence from school may be necessary under certain circumstances. Parents are encouraged to call in student absences or send an email to desatt@deerfield.k12.wi.us.

Academic Progress & Assessments

Students in 4K are given a variety of formal and informal assessments throughout the school year to measure their academic and social-emotional growth.

Standardized Tests

- PALS Assessment

Deerfield Elementary School

4-Year-Old Kindergarten



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ACADEMIC FOCUS

Overview of your child's learning experience:

- Play-based culture that encourages peer interactions and creativity
- Hands-on learning experiences
- Development of kindergarten readiness skills
- Safe and nurturing environment for children to learn
- Daily opportunities to explore social-emotional learning
- Early exposure to school routines, expectations, and the environment
- Age-appropriate curricula designed to promote literacy, phonics, math, social-emotional, fine motor, and gross-motor growth

The 4K program focuses on play-based learning that aligns with the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS). It incorporates elements of Jolly Phonics, Handwriting Without Tears (HWT), Second Step Early Learning, Rainbow Letters, and Mathematics.

Jolly Phonics:

Multi-sensory phonics program using familiar children's tunes, common props, and body movement.

Handwriting Without Tears:

This program uses music, movement, and manipulatives to teach core readiness skills including crayon grip, capital letter and number recognition and formation, and body awareness.

Second Step Early Learning:

A social-emotional based curriculum that teaches:

- Skills for learning empathy
- Emotion management
- Friendship skills
- Problem solving

Rainbow Letters:

Combining letter and sound recognition, this program is used as an organizational tool and tracking system to motivate your child's learning.

Mathematics:

Students in 4K will focus on mastery of these skills:

- Rote counting to 20
- One-to-one correspondence up to 10
- Number recognition of 0-10
- Patterning
- Recognition of 6 basic shapes
- Comparison of more or less
- Writing numerals

Frequently Asked Questions

Will there be bus transportation available?

All 4K students living and/or attending daycare within the Deerfield Community School District have the opportunity to receive bus transportation to and from the school. More information will be sent at a later date.

Can I apply for early entrance into the program?

Students entering 4K must turn 4 on or before September 1 of the academic year in which they are enrolled. No early entrance requests will be granted.

When will I know my child's placement for the upcoming 4K school year?

Parents will receive information in the mail during the summer. It is important to share concerns regarding this placement immediately with Mrs. Kamrath.

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Please contact the elementary school principal, Mrs. Kamrath, with any questions at 608-764-5442 or kamrathm@deerfield.k12.wi.us.