

4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

Welcome



Our 4K program provides young children in our community with a high-quality, early childhood program designed to get them ready for school—and a lifetime of learning.

Curriculum & Instructional Goals

Our 4K curriculum is aligned to the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. A focus on learning through play and active exploration of the learning environment nurtures skills in literacy, numeracy and social-emotional development. Students also gain regular exposure to visual art, music, and physical education through classes taught by specialized, licensed educators.



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Our approach supports the instruction of positive social and emotional skills in order to develop school readiness and growth in all students.

By the end of 4K students will be able to:

- Demonstrate self-regulation in the expression of feelings, needs, opinions and desires in a way that is appropriate to the situation.
- Appropriately name types of emotions and associate them with different facial expressions, words, and behaviors.
- Understand and follow school related routines and rules.
- Demonstrate positive relationships with their peers.
- Demonstrate pro-social problem solving skills in social interactions.



LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Readers/Writers Workshop Framework
Handwriting Without Tears

Our approach to teaching literacy is standards-based, focused on strategies, differentiated, and guided by student data. Using a workshop model, we meet the literacy needs of all students while fostering a love of reading and writing in a literacy rich environment.

By the end of 4K students will be able to:

- Begin to understand how print works.
- Know the relationship between letters and sounds.
- Demonstrate voice-to-print match in text.
- Follow text from left to right.
- Differentiate between print and pictures.
- Notice each letter's distinct features.
- Identify some simple, high-frequency words.
- Use a combination of drawing, dictating, or writing to express their opinion or to respond to a book or topic (e.g., I like _____ ... because _____).



NUMERACY DEVELOPMENT

Eureka Math

Our approach provides an in-depth focus on standards-based mathematical topics through classroom reasoning, time devoted to practice and reflection, and expectations for mastery.

By the end of 4K students will be able to:

- Recall number names and the count sequence to 20.
- Build up to at least 5.
- Compare numbers (more than/less than relationships up to 5).
- Understand the relationship between numbers and quantities up to 5.
- Identify "first" and "last" related to order.
- Sort objects into categories and count the numbers of objects in each category (up to 5).
- Solve addition and subtraction number stories with numbers up to 5 using manipulatives and/or drawings.

Program Details

TUITION-FREE PROGRAM

- 4K is a tuition-free program for Mequon and Thiensville residents.

ELIGIBILITY

- A child must be four-years-old by September 1, 2024 to enroll in 4K for the 2024-25 school year.

SCHEDULE

- 4K is a half-day program. Classes are scheduled Monday through Friday from 9-11:45 a.m. (morning session) & 1:15-4 p.m. (afternoon session).
- Students participate in visual art, music and physical education classes taught by DPI-certified specialists. Students participate in art and music weekly, and physical education two times per week.

MORNING OR AFTERNOON PREFERENCE

- If more families indicate a preference for a morning or afternoon section than we have available seats, we will enact a formal lottery system, which is the most equitable approach to situations in which capacity is limited. Availability of specific sections is dependent upon capacity and sufficient enrollment. We reserve the right to make final decisions on placement.

TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation is available on existing bus routes for both morning and afternoon sections. We provide shuttle service between the school and approved childcare providers within your child's attendance zone.

TRANSPORTATION (CONT'D)

- Families will indicate their transportation preferences during online enrollment.

4K WRAPAROUND & BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- The Mequon-Thiensville Recreation Department is pleased to offer on-site 4K Wrap Care for our families with children enrolled in four-year-old kindergarten at Donges Bay, Oriole Lane, and Wilson Elementary schools. The program will be offered from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with AM and PM sessions available. Please visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/departments/rec/4k-wrap-care for more information.
- If additional care is needed before school (6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) or after school (4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.), please visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/kidscampus for Kids' Campus registration information.

Visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/kidscampus for more information, or contact **Program Coordinator Elisa Salvo** at esalvo@mtsd.k12.wi.us or 262-238-7548.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

- Range Line Preschool & Childcare is a community partner site for families who prefer that their child receive instruction at the same facility as their full-day childcare. Range Line Preschool offers the same curriculum as is taught at our three school sites, taught by a DPI-certified teacher and under the supervision of administrative staff from the school district.
- Please note: Families must enroll with MTSD for this 4K option, and must also enroll separately with Range Line Preschool for before- or after-school childcare needs.

Questions about the enrolling with our 4K community partner? Contact district Student Services Assistant **Michelle Halloran** at mhalloran@mtsd.k12.wi.us or 262-238-8510.

Visit

There is no better way to get a sense of a school, its culture and learning environment than by visiting. We invite parents to visit their home school to meet the principal and teachers. Until that time, please reach out to the principal of the elementary school in your designated residential area. If you're not sure which of our elementary schools is your home school, **please view our attendance zone map**, or contact the student services department for assistance.

Enrollment Process

1. COMPLETE ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

The first step to enroll your child in MTSD's 4K program is to complete online pre-registration. The online pre-registration window for 4K is open between February 14, 2024 and May 1, 2024. Through pre-registration, families will indicate their preferred morning or afternoon program option.

For those families for whom we have an email address on file, we will send an email with a link to pre-register when it opens. For all other families, a link will be available online at www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/4K beginning on February 14, 2024.

2. DOCUMENTATION AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY

After you complete online pre-registration, please submit the following documentation to **Michelle Halloran** at mhalloran@mtsd.k12.wi.us. Pre-registration is not complete until this documentation is received. Please provide during the pre-registration window (February 14, 2024-May 1, 2024). This can be done at any time school offices are open.

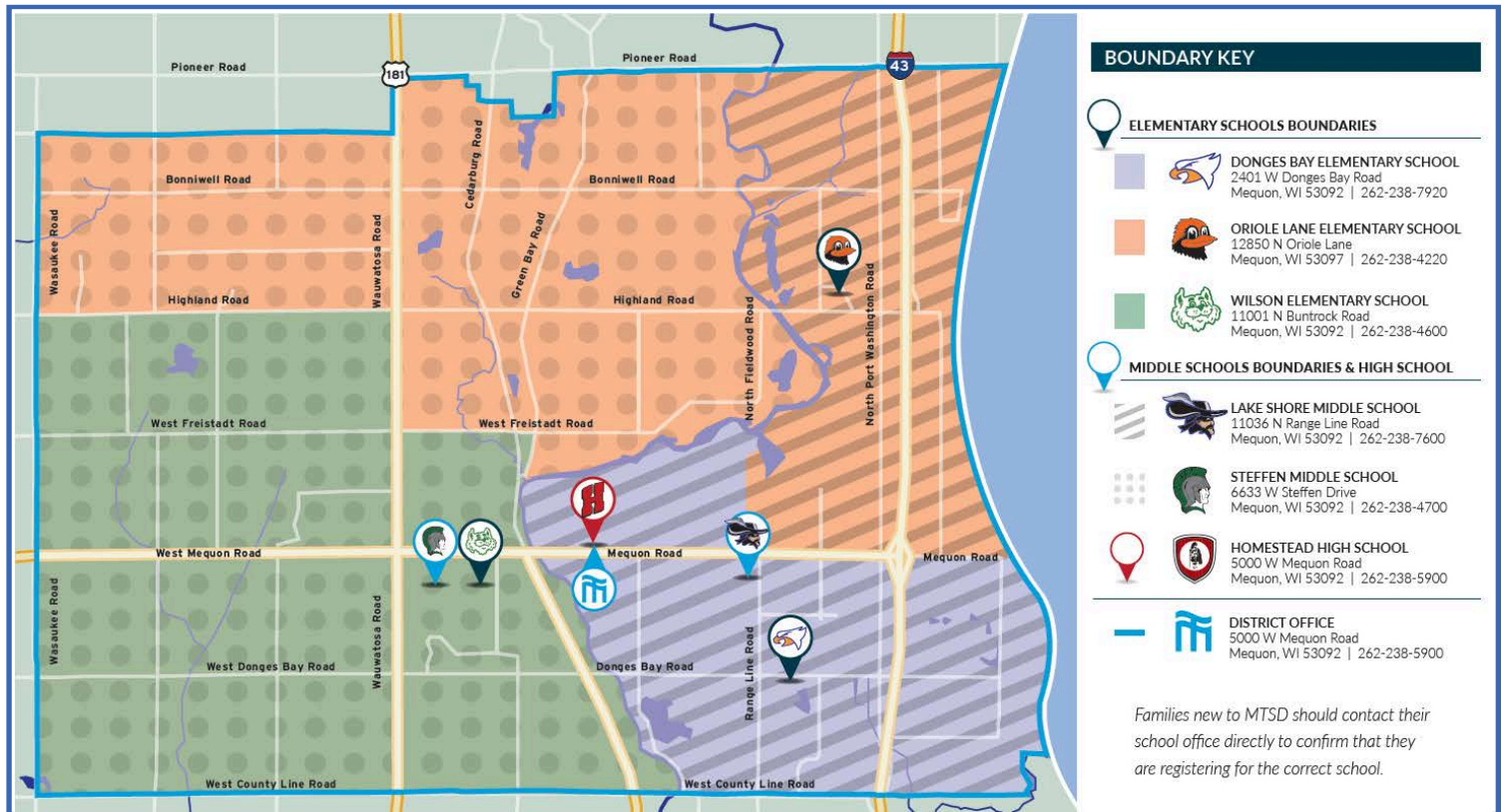
- Your child's official birth certificate (copies not accepted) or passport.**
- Immunization record.** Wisconsin Immunization Record form is enclosed.
- Proof of residency.** If you are a resident of Mequon or Thiensville and your child lives with you, the following documents can be used to establish your child's residency.
 - If you rent, a copy of your signed rental agreement.
 - If you own a home, a copy of your real estate tax bill; if you recently purchased a home in Mequon or Thiensville, a copy of the closing statement.

After the pre-registration window closes, families can still enroll at their child's school. Please note that your child's placement will be subject to available space. You must bring your child's original birth certificate and proof of residency as described above.

Visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/4K for more information.



MTSD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS



SCHOOL SITES



DONGES BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2401 W. Donges Bay Road, Mequon, WI 53092
262-238-7920 www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/dongesbay



ORIOLE LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12850 N. Oriole Lane, Mequon, WI 53097
262-238-4220 www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/oriolelane



WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11001 N. Buntrock Road, Mequon, WI 53092
262-238-4600 www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/wilson

COMMUNITY SITE



RANGE LINE PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE
11040 Range Line Road, Suite B, Mequon, WI 53092
262-24-CHILD
www.rangelinepreschoolandchildcare.com



- Pricing: \$40 per day, with a minimum requirement of two consistent days per week. There is also a \$25 registration fee and a registration form required per each 4K student enrolled.
- If additional care is needed before school: 6:30 a.m - 9 a.m., or after school: 4 p.m.- 6 p.m., please visit our MTSD Recreation Department website for Kids' Campus registration information

Questions?

- Contact Program Coordinator Elisa Salvo-Antonie at 262-238-7548 or esalvo@mtsd.k12.wi.us
- For enrollment information, please visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/4K-wrap

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