



4K Information and FAQs

Grafton School District

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

1. What is Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K)?

The Grafton School District 4K program incorporates a play based philosophy, based on the Wisconsin Model of Early Learning Standards (WMELS). Students learn critical age-appropriate foundational skills in the areas of early literacy and mathematics within a print rich, robust, and highly engaging environment.

Our 4K curriculum prioritizes key learning outcomes for children and encompasses the developmental areas of health and physical development, social and emotional development, language and communication, cognitive and general knowledge, and self-help skills.

This occurs under the guidance and direction of a caring and experienced staff.

2. Where does 4K in the Grafton School District take place?

Both elementary schools in the Grafton School District have one or more classrooms dedicated to 4K instruction.



Kennedy Elementary School

1629 11th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

262-376-5650

<http://kes.grafton.k12.wi.us/>



Woodview Elementary School

600 5th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

262-376-5750

<http://wes.grafton.k12.wi.us/>

3. Where will my child attend 4K within the Grafton School District?

District students are assigned to either Kennedy or Woodview according to these [designated attendance areas](#). However, in current building configurations, Kennedy Elementary School will have two 4K classrooms and Woodview Elementary School will have one 4K classroom. For this reason, some students who live within the Woodview attendance area will be assigned to 4K at Kennedy Elementary School. A lottery system will be used for 4K placement of these students.

The following factors will be used in conjunction with the lottery to determine placement:

- Whether a child already has a sibling attending that school.
- Whether a child/family lives within the school's walk zone.
- Whether the family enrolled during the priority enrollment window (by the end of February 7, 2020).
- IEP considerations and needs for student services.

Woodview students who are placed at Kennedy for 4K through the lottery will be moved back to Woodview for grades K5-5.

4. How old does my child have to be to attend four-year-old kindergarten?

Students must be four years of age on or before September 1, 2020 to enroll in 4K for the 2020-21 school year. There is no early admission to 4K.

5. What days and times does 4K run?

Monday-Friday during the regular school year.

The morning session of 4K starts at 8:20am and ends at 11:05am.

The afternoon session starts at 12:35pm and ends at 3:20pm.

A district calendar for the upcoming school year will be available in the spring of the year.

6. Can I select which session my child attends?

You may state a preference for the morning or afternoon session. Following the two-week enrollment period, if requests for one session are greater than the space available, student names will be put in a lottery drawing to determine which session they will attend.

7. When and where can I enroll?

Enrollment opens with an Information and Enrollment Event on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Woodview Elementary School. The event will include a 20 minute presentation about the District's 4K program, followed by an opportunity to meet 4K staff members, ask questions, and register for the program. Parents may also register students after the event on weekdays (7:30am-4:00pm) at the Grafton School District Office at 1900 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024 from Friday, January 24, 2020 through Friday, February 7, 2020.

8. What do I need to bring with in order to enroll?

Your child's original birth certificate for verification of name and birth day (state law requires the original certificate, not a copy). You will also need two items that provide proof of residency. For home owners this could be a closing or mortgage statement, a tax bill or a recent utility bill. For renters we would need a current rental/lease agreement (including owner/manager name, telephone number and lease start/termination dates). Renters would also need to include a canceled check showing payment of rent for the current period. All of the above plus the [New Student Enrollment Form](#) must be reviewed by a district employee- either at the Information and Enrollment Event or in the district office.

9. Is transportation provided?

Students who reside more than one mile from their school are eligible for busing. Also, Woodview 4K students who are assigned to Kennedy will be provided transportation. IEP components and supports can also impact decisions related to student transportation.

The Grafton School District is proud to offer midday bus transportation to all 4K students to and from all childcare centers that are located within our school district boundaries, even if the center is located outside the student's attendance boundary.

What this means is that the Grafton School District will offer to transport any 4K student...

- to a childcare center in the district at 11:05am following the morning session of 4K.
 - from a childcare center in the district to attend the afternoon session of 4K which begins at 12:35pm.
- This transportation arrangement has been created in order to offer our families and students a higher level of convenience and access to a fantastic educational experience in the Grafton School District.

10. How much does 4K cost in the Grafton School District?

There is a ~\$30 registration fee and a ~\$25 snack/milk fee (subject to change each year). These fees will be collected during school registration in August.

11. Is there before and after school care?

The YMCA provides care prior to 8:20am and after 3:20pm at each school building. Fees for before and after school care are the family's responsibility. Some local day care facilities also provide wrap-around care and busing services for Grafton 4K students.

12. How many students will be in the 4K classrooms?

4K classes in the Grafton School District have historically had between 15-22 students. Each classroom is staffed with a DPI licensed 4K teacher and a 4K classroom aide. Other teachers, specialists, and support staff may be available to support the special needs of students who qualify for IEPs.

13. What are the instructional goals of 4K in the Grafton School District?

- ✓ Providing active learning opportunities through play based and explicit teaching and learning experiences.
- ✓ Utilizing robust learning centers and hands-on opportunities to explore real world objects, engage in dramatic play, and build foundational social and academic skills.
- ✓ Ensuring a print rich environment with opportunities for children to read, listen to, and respond to books. Students will explore concepts of print including letter names and letter sounds. Students will recite poems, sing songs, and notice print in their environment.
- ✓ Celebrating the start to life-long learning, growth, and success for each child, based on individual learning needs and characteristics.
- ✓ Connecting deeply with parents and families through valuable and relevant outreach opportunities.

14. What are the 4K goals for social-emotional learning?

- ✓ Engaging and interacting appropriately in play with peers (taking turns, sharing, and accepting changes, etc.)
- ✓ Maintaining personal space.
- ✓ Displaying age appropriate self-control.
- ✓ Using peaceful strategies to solve a conflict.
- ✓ Managing classroom rules, routines and transitions with occasional reminders.
- ✓ Recognizing feelings of others in situations and responds appropriately.
- ✓ Exhibiting confidence when approaching experiences and activities.
- ✓ Taking responsibility for the classroom space, classroom materials, and personal belongings.

15. If I have more questions, who can I ask?

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