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West Bend School District 4K Enrollment Begins January 27 Nature-Based 4K Program to be Held at WBSD Outdoor Science Education Center

West Bend — Enrollment for the West Bend School District's 4K program for the 2025-2026 school year begins on Monday, January 27, 2025. Children are eligible for 4K if they turn 4 years old by September 1, 2025. Enrollment is completed at WBSD4K.org.

The 4K program is available at no cost for families residing within the West Bend School District attendance area. Families living outside the district are welcome to apply through the Parental Choice (open enrollment) program to access the program.

In September 2025, the West Bend School District will operate one of its two nature-based 4K programs at its Outdoor Science Education Center. This 40-acre site, located across the street from the high schools building near the southeast corner of River and Decorah Roads, includes a heated building, nature trails, and ponds. Currently, the program is using the Riveredge Nature Center in Newburg.

Operated through a partnership between the Kettle Moraine YMCA and the West Bend School District, the nature-based 4K program features students spending two days a week at Holy Trinity in Newburg and two days (4K is in session Monday-Thursday) at the WBSD Outdoor Science Education Center. The other nature-based 4K program is also operated as a partnership with the YMCA and is located at Trinity Lutheran and Camp Silver Brook in West Bend.

In total, the school district partners with three community-based preschool partners to provide 4K in seven locations:

Montessori Children's House
1701 Vogt Street, West Bend

Kettle Moraine YMCA
1111 West Washington Ave., West Bend

Kettle Moraine YMCA at Trinity Lutheran and Camp Silver Brook
140 N. 7th Ave., West Bend
2561 W Decorah Rd, West Bend

Kettle Moraine YMCA at Holy Trinity and WBSD Outdoor Science Education Center
521 Congress Street, Newburg
1305 E. Decorah Road, West Bend

Living Word Child Development Center
2240 Living Word Lane, Jackson

Jackson Community Center/Jackson Parks and Rec. Department
N165W20330 Hickory Lane, Jackson

Rolfs Education Center
737 S. 3rd Ave., West Bend

The West Bend School District's 4K program features a play-based learning model that fosters children's natural curiosity through hands-on activities designed to promote exploration, problem-solving, and meaningful engagement.

In addition, all locations incorporate nature-inspired learning, with two sites offering nature-based programming where students spend half of their time outdoors participating in structured lessons that encourage curiosity and discovery.

To support busy families, most sites provide wraparound daycare options, allowing children to remain at their assigned location if additional care is needed.

Enrollment is completed at WBSD4K.org. Questions can be directed to Kris Groth at 262-306-7113.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit www.west-bend.k12.wi.us for more information.

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