



Dear Prospective 2026-2027 W4K Family

An exciting time is soon to come, your child is starting school! The School District of Waupaca W4K team welcomes you to our 4K program (officially called W4K)! The purpose of this letter is to explain the W4K program: overview, important dates, communication procedures, and registration.

W4K PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Attendance in a 4 year old kindergarten program is not required by law, but is highly recommended. Students must be 4 years old on or before September 1st; there are no exceptions to this policy
- The W4K program meets four half days (7:50-11:00AM or 11:50AM-3:00PM) per week/Head Start meets four days (8:00AM-3:00PM)
- Classes are held at various sites in our community: Waupaca Learning Center, Chain Exploration Center, Sunny Day Child Care Center, and Head Start
- Programming and transportation (to and from) are free as part of the School District of Waupaca
- Curriculum is focused on learning through play, social and emotional development & building self-help skills

W4K IMPORTANT DATES

February 2, 2026 - W4K Registration is available

To assist us in staffing our W4K classrooms, we ask that ALL 2024-2025 W4K students register by April 30th. Registration will continue past April 30th, however, early registration increases the likelihood of your child attending your preferred W4K site.

February 25, 2026 - Community Child Development Day

If you are interested in having your child screened for speech concerns, language concerns, and/or learning development, please attend one of our Child Development Day. Child screening is recommended, but not required.

- Wednesday, February 25th 8:00-10:30 AM, Waupaca Learning Center (1515 Shoemaker Rd)
 - Registration: bit.ly/4pFzGtU
 - Registration is strongly encouraged. Walk-ins are still welcome, but you may experience a longer wait time. If you have questions about the screening, please call Sarah Schemenauer, Early Childhood Specialist, at the Waupaca Learning Center 715-258-4141.

W4K COMMUNICATION

Thank you for registering for Waupaca 4K. You will receive your site placement and Open House information at the beginning of July. At Open House, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see your child's classroom. During the first week of September, you will have a private meeting with your child's teacher. At that meeting you will learn more about the W4K program, have the opportunity to ask questions, and share information about your family. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization record to this meeting. If you have any questions prior, please contact the W4K Office at (715)-258-4151.

W4K REGISTRATION

- Online Registration: <https://www.waupaca.k12.wi.us/family-resources/>
- If unable to register online, please call 715-258-4121 ext. 6009 to make an appointment. The enrollment office is located at the District Office (inside Waupaca High School).

We look forward to meeting you and your student! Please call Rachel Schick, W4K Secretary, with any other questions at 715-258-4151.

Sincerely,

Tony Markon, W4K Principal
Laurie Schmidt, Director of Student Services