

DeForest Area School District

A High Quality Community Based Early Learning Program for 4-year-olds



Get Together for Kids (GT4K)

is a community based preschool program for 4-year-old children residing within the DeForest Area School District.

- Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1. There are no early admissions. Children can attend GT4K for one school year.
- Children are enrolled in the DeForest Area School District's GT4K program and are taught at a local community preschool/childcare provider.
- Classes run for at least three hours and generally four days per week, with a morning and afternoon session, following the DASD academic calendar.
- All classes are taught by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction licensed teachers and classroom assistants.
- The GT4K program includes a strong focus on parent-school communication with regular family outreach workshops, activities and opportunities.
- School transportation is available to "zoned" locations.
- The 4K program is tuition free. Some sites offer optional extended/wrap around child care. Parents are responsible for arranging child care and assuming costs beyond the 4K session.
- Inclusive opportunities for children with various abilities are supported in 4K classrooms.
- Regular attendance is expected.

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What will children learn?

Children participate in activities that provide rich learning experiences. The curriculum focuses on learning through play and active, hands-on exploration of the environment, allowing children to gain skills in several areas of development including:

- social-emotional & relationship skills
- cognition/problem solving
- large and small motor skills
- language/communication
- creative expression
- early literacy & math
- self-help skills

All sites offer the same curriculum provided by the DeForest Area School District. The Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards guide all curricula.

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Where will my child attend 4K?

Six area community preschool partners provide GT4K programming. Placement is determined by childcare needs, past preschool attendance, and attendance area zones. The District has the final right of assignment. Any child currently enrolled in preschool/childcare at a site is given first priority for that site.

Community Partners

A Growing Place Preschool

Director: Stephanie Pertzborn
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Country Creek Learning Center*

Owner: Sara Bishop • Director: Patty Gobrecht
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Ginger Bread House Preschool & Child Care DeForest*

Owner/Director: Denise Kuehl
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Ginger Bread House Preschool & Child Care Windsor Crossing*

Owner: Denise Kuehl • Director: Raechel Vande Hey
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Yahara River Learning Center*

Owner/Director: Macy Buhler
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yaharariverlearningcenter@gmail.com (608) 842-0377

Wishing Well Preschool & Child Care Center*

Owner/Director: Sheila Smozynski
623 Old Indian Trail & 529 W. North Street, DeForest
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***These sites offer wrap-around child care services.**

Important 4K Dates

Families with students entering 4K for the upcoming school year should plan on the following:

January • Attend an informational meeting

February • Online enrollment (*scan QR below*)

Complete: GT4K Placement Information Form

Upload:

- child's birth certificate
- proof of residency
- immunization records
- parental ID



Scan QR to enroll

Spring • Attend the Developmental Expo

Experience developmentally appropriate learning opportunities with your child • Free vision screening
• Early Childhood Teacher and Speech Therapist consultation • 4K staff Q&A • Free book

June • Placement notification emailed to families

July • Complete annual online registration

A 4-year-old who resides outside of the school district may apply for Open Enrollment with the Department of Public Instruction (dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment). Application dates are February through the end of April.

Visit us on the web at:

www.deforestschoools.org (GT4K)

Email us at: gt4k@deforestschoools.org

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