

## Community Partners

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## More Information



Get Together for Kids

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## DeForest Area School District



Get Together for Kids

**A High Quality  
Community-Based  
Early Learning Program  
for 4-Year-Olds**



\*These sites offer wrap-around child care services.

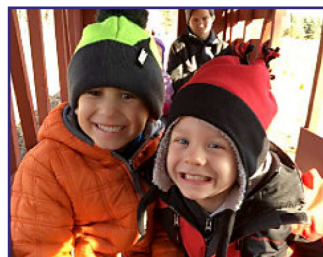


# Get Together for Kids

## 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
- 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.

## Where will my child attend 4K?

Five 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.

## How do I enroll my child?

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

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| January  | Attend an informational meeting at the DeForest Area Public Library  |
| February | Complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• online enrollment*</li> <li>• placement survey</li> <li>• transportation application</li> </ul> Upload: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• child’s birth certificate</li> <li>• proof of residency</li> <li>• immunization records</li> </ul> |
| March**  | Attend the Developmental Expo (see more information below)   |
| June     | Placement notification emailed to families   |

\*Online 4K enrollment is available throughout the year. A 4-year-old who resides outside of the school district may apply for Open Enrollment with the Department of Public Instruction ([www.dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc)). Application dates are February through the end of April.

\*\*Don’t miss the **Developmental Expo** for all incoming 4-year-old kindergarten students!

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



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 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 a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction licensed teachers and a classroom assistant.
- 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.