



## Rationale for NR4K

The vast majority of brain development takes place in the earliest years of a child’s life. The first five years lay the foundation for all future social, emotional, and cognitive development. NR4K believes that all families who are interested in quality early learning experiences for their four-year-old children should have equal access to a high quality program by partnering existing local programs with state funding.



“Play is the work of the child”  
Piaget

## Why 4-Year-Old Kindergarten?

While parents and families are the child’s first and foremost teacher, the community shares a responsibility and a vested interest in all children’s well-being and development. As New Richmond grows, we want to be able to offer families positive early educational opportunities. By investing in 4-year-old kindergarten we are also investing in the future of our community.

**Important Dates ~2023**  
**January 31st & February 2nd** \*NR4K Informational Meeting - Zoom 6:30-7:30 PM

**February 4th** - NR4K Sites Open Houses 9:00 AM—12:00 PM in person  
**February 5th. Online Registration Opens. Find the link at [www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us](http://www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us)**

**Registration must include : Immunization Records**  
**School/Site personnel must see the child’s Official Birth Certificate upon Registration**

**February 13– 17** ~ Early Online Registration period. Original birth certificate must be seen to complete the enrollment process at Paperjack Elementary

**June 17** Student Placement Info Mailed Home



Children who are read to, before school-age, perform better in all academic areas.

FOR ENROLLMENT INFORMATION  
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# NR4K



School District of New Richmond  
4-Year-Old Kindergarten

2023-2024

### VISION

NR4K will provide access to quality, developmentally appropriate early learning opportunities for four-year-olds through community and family partnerships.



## Who Can Participate?

Any child who will be four years old by September 1, 2023 will be eligible to participate. Informational meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 31st and Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 and ***in person open houses on February 4th 2023***. Online Registration will open up on February 5th. Enrollment will be through Skyward family access. You can find the link on the NR Website [www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us](http://www.newrichmond.k12.wi.us)

## How Much Will It Cost?

Wisconsin's school funding system provides funding for 4-Year-Old Kindergarten programs based on the number of students enrolled. **There will be no charge to parents for district sponsored NR4K programming, no matter where the site is located.** Sites that offer extended day childcare will still charge for childcare services. Check your site's handbook for the specific fee schedule.

## What Can I Expect?

As an early education program, NR4K will focus on reading and language arts, but will also include math, social studies, science, health, physical education, creative art and music. Young children learn by doing, exploring, and experimenting in an integrated, nurturing environment. A typical day would include some teacher-directed instruction, many "hands-on" activities, and opportunities for child-initiated play.

## Where Will My Child Go to NR4K?

The purpose of a community 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program is to collaborate with the existing expertise, experience and facilities of private providers in the community. The following is a list of NR4K community sites that will be available for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents can choose a site that best fits the needs

### Bear Buddies 4K

245 W. Paperjack Drive ~ 246.7600

**M-Th & Occasional Fridays; AM (8:00-11:10)**

At Bear Buddies 4K your child will experience a variety of activities that will enhance his/her total development. Our specially designed environment allows children the opportunity to explore, create, discover and learn. Children will develop in character through positive guidance, develop their own personal energy, and experience hands-on learning to reach their full potential. We nurture and guide children to build their confidence and prepare them to meet challenges of the future including interactive Smart Board and computer knowledge. Community based field trips are planned to enrich your child's learning experiences. Our program offers families full service child care for ages 6 weeks - 12 years including: developmental curriculum and nutritious meals. Hours of availability for wrap-around care: 5 AM to 6:30 PM. Please visit our website at [www.bearbuddies.org](http://www.bearbuddies.org)

### First Lutheran Child Care Center

218 County Road K ~ 246-3199

**M-Th & Occasional Fridays; AM (7:50-11:00), PM (11:40-2:50)**

At First Lutheran Childcare Center, We offer families and children (ages 6 weeks - 12 years) a safe and nurturing environment that is designed to enhance a child's, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. Our programs provide children with an opportunity to build a foundation for life-long learning through a variety of age appropriate, hands-on, experiences. FLCC is open 6:30 am-5:30p pm to accommodate your families' Wrap-around childcare needs.

### Blossoming Minds Early Learning Center

1111 N. Knowles Ave ~ 246.8000

**M-Th; & Occasional Fridays; AM (7:45-10:55) PM (11:45-2:45)**

Our mission here at Blossoming Minds is to help little learners prepare for school.. We provide an educationally enriching learning environment by giving kids the proper tools to learn and grow. We follow the New Richmond School Districts 4K Curriculum to help little learners prepare for an elementary school setting. Children's future in education is our priority. We take each child's education and safety very serious.

### Sonshine Learning Center

1345 Campus Drive ~ 715-243-5437

**M-TH & Occasional Fridays; AM (7:50-11:00), PM (11:40-2:50)**

In our new Academy, we offer a 2500+ foot indoor play space! Our class size is just thirteen children to one teacher, in two large individual play and evidence-based classrooms featuring developmentally appropriate, play-based learning centers. Students also have the opportunity to use and manipulate technology, as well as experience many diverse in-house field trips and 4K family programs and resources. Our 4K and child care students are part of a social emotional implementation framework, and also have multiple opportunities to serve our New Richmond Community, through programs, activities and service projects

### New Richmond CESA #11 Head Start

118 Homestead Drive Suite #4 ~ 246.3232

**M - Th; Full Day (7:45-3:00)**

New Richmond Head Start/NR4K is a high quality, federally funded, full-day preschool program. Age appropriate activities are offered to build school readiness skills. Areas of learning are; language and literacy, cognitive and general knowledge, physical and social/emotional development.. The classroom of 20 children is staffed with a WI DPI licensed teacher and 2 teacher assistants with Child Development Associate certification. Screeners and on-going assessment help parents and teachers recognize the strengths and needs of each individual child. Family engagement is critical for children's success and parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the program. Parent meetings, home visits and conferences are offered to ensure that parents receive the best possible services and gain child development knowledge. Health & dental screening, are also provided through Head Start. Head Start provides a nutritious home cooked breakfast and lunch, as well as a nutritious snack at the end of the day.

### St. Mary 4K Program

257 S. Washington Avenue ~ 246.2469

**M-Th & Occasional Fridays; AM (7:45-10:55), P.M (11:35-2:45)**

St. Mary School is a fully accredited Preschool through Eight Grade Catholic School. Our mission is, "To Grow in Knowledge, and to Serve in Harmony". Our 4k program is entering its 20th year this fall and offers a unique learning environment through cooperation with other grades, school events, and community involvement. Our 4k program is unique because it is set in a school with the daily routines mirroring what all day kindergarten will be like. Our classrooms are large and provide the ability to social distance students in a warm and inviting space. St. Mary School also offers both a morning and afternoon Wrap Around Program & Connect on Program both complete with meals, and a Before School Program starting at 6:30 A.M. and After School Care Program ending at 6:00 P.M.

### New Richmond Area Centre 4K

425 East 5th Street ~ 243.0851

**M-Th & Occasional Fridays; AM (7:50-11:00), PM (11:40-2:50)**

Centre 4K programming is not just about academic readiness but social and physical readiness as well. The day is broken into sessions where the child will participate in different learning activities following the 4K curriculum. The Centre focuses on the whole child and we involve the entire family. We offer wrap-around with licensed teachers and a full day option whenever 4K is not in session. We also offer special enrichment options that include swim lessons, swim times in our zero-depth entry pool, kids fitness, smart boards in every room, outdoor playground and 6,000 square foot gymnasium.

## Transportation

**Transportation between home and school is an option for NR4K students. This transportation is only for Students getting picked up at home and dropped off at home. Not Daycares.**