



4K Get Kids Ready 2026-2027 School Year

What is 4K Get Kids Ready for School?

The “Get Kids Ready for School” program is a four-year-old preschool program funded through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families in a licensed child care provider’s location. The purpose of the program is exactly as it states, to give 4-year-olds in Wisconsin an option for fully-funded high-quality program that gets kids ready for school!

This document is intended to give you information on this program that will run through Kuhl Corner Campus next year as well as answer some questions about the process of enrollment.

Curriculum:

Kuhl Corner Campus utilizes a two-part curriculum.

- **Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies:**

This developmentally appropriate, whole-child approach respects individual skill progression and empowers creative, confident, and caring learners through joyful, play-based investigations. This whole-child curriculum is connected to assessment in order to individualize learning.

By using standards and activities from the Creative Curriculum, which is a nationally recognized early childhood curriculum that aligns with the **Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)**, our teachers are able to fully individualize learning aligned to research-based objectives. With this, our teachers are able to easily identify and respond to each child’s needs. *(Note: WMELS is the state wide standard that is used in both elementary school based 4K programs and GKR child care center based 4K.)*

- **Conscious Discipline:**

Conscious Discipline is a brain-based self-regulation model that transforms the approach to classroom behavior. This model turns everyday challenges into powerful teaching moments and learning outcomes with a comprehensive approach.

Our teachers utilize this framework for social and emotional learning. Our teachers are highly trained in the development of a classroom structure and relationships with children that promote and teach social and emotional skills for highly effective learning.

Assessment:

Our teachers document learning and growth through portfolio development and observations. By utilizing Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies, a completely interconnected early childhood curriculum and assessment ecosystem, teachers at KCC are able to use data gathered through play to determine skill development, and then utilize internal reporting to inform instruction and drive program efficacy.



Kuhl Corner Campus offers fall and spring conferences at which the teachers will share their observations on your child's development in line with the standards set forth in Creative Curriculum and WMELS. Parents and teachers will collaborate on goals for each child based on parent input, teacher input, and the standards.

More parent-teacher meetings are available upon request and at the availability of our teaching staff.

Kindergarten Readiness Skills:

The *Get Kids Ready* program offered through Kuhl Corner Campus will help your child learn and practice skills that will prepare them for elementary school. These skills are taught through play, songs, stories and hands-on activities to make learning fun and engaging for young children.

Some of those skills will include and are not limited to:

Daily School Routines:

- Following a daily schedule
- Transitioning from the classroom to other areas: the gross motor room, cafeteria, etc...
- Self-help skills such as being prepared for school, putting on and taking off winter gear in a timely manner, following several step directions
- Being a part of a classroom community

Social-Emotional Skills:

- Identifying emotions
- Learning to manage feelings
- Advocating for yourself with a friend
- How to handle a conflict with words
- Solutions to problems
- Understanding how to share and take turns
- Joining and ending play
- Cooperating in group activities
- Developing empathy by noticing the feelings of others
- Building friendships
- Developing confidence and independence by trying new things

Fine Motor Skills:

- Holding and using a scissors
- Grip strength
- Pincer grip on a pencil
- Intentionally using a writing utensil to make marks
- Drawing shapes
- Recognizing and writing your name and other words

Language & Communication:

- Understanding and following simple instructions
- Beginning to express thoughts and feelings clearly
- Increased vocabulary (approximately 2000 – 3000 words)
- Understanding opposites
- Forming clear sentences with over 5 to 6 words



Early Literacy & Phonics:

- Recognizing letters
- Recognizing the sounds of letters and associating them with words
- Rhyming
- Connecting printed words to meaning

Math and Science:

- Recognizing numbers, and the meaning of numbers 1-30
- Learning about cause and effect
- Physics of movement of various objects including by weight and size
- Measuring
- Understanding simple patterns
- Sorting objects by size, shape or color (classifying)

Gross Motor Skills:

- Running
- Jumping
- Climbing
- Physical activities that enhance coordination and strength

Calendar:

Monday-Friday following the 2026-2027 4K GKR calendar

Morning session: 8:10 – 11:10 am

Afternoon session: 12:10 – 3:10 pm (may be added based on demand)

Special Days:

Kuhl Corner Campus hosts events for families throughout the school year. Students enrolled in 4K GKR are encouraged to participate in these events.

Some of these are:

- Winter Activity Night – December
- Art Auction or Book Fair - spring
- 4K GKR Graduation – end of school year

Additionally, there may be Family Field Trips added during the year.

Communication:

Kuhl Corner Campus utilizes Teaching Strategies to communicate with parents about your child's development, daily and weekly activities, and other important events. The weekly lesson plans, as well as individual goals for children, are available through this app and families will have messaging capabilities with our teachers.



Frequently Asked Questions:

I do not live in the Lake Mills Area School District (LMASD). Can my child still enroll in the 4K Get Kids Ready program at Kuhl Corner Campus?

Yes. Under the Get Kids Ready program we register children from anywhere in Wisconsin.

Who can attend this program?

All children in the state of Wisconsin who turn four on or before September 1, 2026.

I want more education for my child than just 3 hours per day. Do you offer full-day programming?

Yes. We offer a variety of programs to extend learning throughout the day.

KCC Pre-K programming is available daily until 5:30. Wrap Around care is available daily until 3:00.

How much does Get Kids Ready cost?

The instructional hours with *Get Kids Ready* are free of charge. Tuition charges will only apply to Pre-K enrollment or Wrap Around care at KCC.

When does registration begin?

Kuhl Corner Campus began accepting Applications for 4K GKR Enrollment January 30, 2026.

Can my child participate in district 4K also?

Yes, children may participate in LMASD 4K and 4K Get Kids Ready. Decisions about session placement at LMASD, as well as busing to and from KCC are made at the school district level.

May my child participate in Get Kids Ready more than once?

In the event that your child is 5-years-old and does not attend a 5K program, your child may repeat the Get Kids Ready program.

