

MGNS---Registration for 2017-18

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What classes will be offered in the 2017-18 school year?

Classes will be the same as the 2016-17 school year! Tuition also remains the same!

Starfish: MTW am 8:45-11:45 \$310/month

Penguins: TH FR am 8:45-11:45 \$245/month

Seahorses T TH pm 12:45-3:45 \$245/month

Dolphins T-FR am 8:40-11:45 (free for MMSD 4K students or \$355/month)

Manatees T-FR pm 12:40-3:45 (free for MMSD 4K students or \$355/month)

Lunch Bunch will be offered from 11:45-12:45 Tuesday-Friday for an additional fee. Information about lunch bunch fees will be available in May

2. Is there a registration fee when you apply?

Yes. Each family is required to attach a \$75 registration fee to apply. NOTE: This fee is exempted for families enrolling in the 4K programs through MMSD.

3. When can I register my child?

Current families can register beginning at 8 AM on Monday, January 23. New and alumni families can register beginning at 8 AM on Monday, January 30th.

To be considered, all applications must be complete, meaning they include all signatures and have the appropriate registration fee attached.

On the above enrollment dates, we take applications on a first come first serve basis. We do serve coffee!!! After those dates, you may submit your application in the mail, or drop it in the office.

4. What is the order of enrollment preference?

1st MGNS 2016-17 board members (board members may apply starting 1-1-2017)

2nd Current co-op families (enrolled in preschool or toddler time in the 2016-17 school year)

3rd Alumni families (those who have had a family member enrolled in a previous year)

4th New families to MGNS

5. Who is eligible for the MMSD 4K program?

MMSD will enroll any student in their community-based programs who is 4 years old by Sept. 1, and lives within the Madison Metropolitan School District.

There is no tuition for those students. However, MMSD will charge a materials fee and MGNS will charge a field trip fee, and families are expected to cover both of those costs.

Students from surrounding communities may also choose MGNS for their 4k experience by applying for open enrollment into the MMSD. This is an easy process! And we will help if you need it!

6. What is the process to register for the MMSD 4K program at MGNS?

It is a two-step process.

1. Enroll in your choice of class with MGNS on the above dates.
2. Complete the online and in person enrollment for MMSD.

<https://deelweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k>

8. My child has a fall birthday, and will not turn three until after September 1. Is there a way for him to go to preschool at MGNS?

We do have a policy for age exceptions. The policy reads, in part,

You may turn in your application at any time during the enrollment period along with a letter sharing why you feel your child is ready for preschool. Your application, check and letter will be held until May 1st at which time age exceptions will be considered if there are openings in any classes.

9. Is it possible for a student to attend MGNS 5 mornings a week?

Yes!! A family can sign up for both the Penguin and the Starfish class, and come to school Monday-Friday mornings. Please note that the student would be part of two different classes with two different sets of teachers- but it works! You will also need to do helping parent duties in two classes.

10. We would love for our child to come to MGNS for 4k but we live in Cottage Grove (or Monona, McFarland, Sun Prairie, etc.). Can we still attend MGNS for 4K?

Yes!! Through the process of open enrollment, you can apply to the Madison School District for the 2017-18 school year and attend MGNS as a MMSD student for free. The open enrollment window for the 2017-18 school year is February 6 through April 28, 2017.

The open enrollment process is relatively simple, and Sue can walk you through it. In addition, we have had several current 4k parents who have been through the process and can answer questions. We have packets of information about open enrollment in our office, and we encourage all of our MGNS families to investigate it! DPI website for Open Enrollment is <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov/>

If you are a current MGNS parent, we will hold your spot in our 4K classes until you hear about your open enrollment application.

11. What about Toddler Time? We want to be sure we get into that fabulous program!

Applications for the 2017-18 Toddler Time program will be available for current MGNS families on March 1. Applications will be open to new families on March 15.

Do you have another question we didn't answer here? Call us at 222-4633. Or email Sue Carr at suecmgns@gmail.com. Or stop in at the school! We want to help you with this process!

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