

MGNS Registration for 2019-20

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What classes will be offered in the 2019-20 school year?

Classes will be the same as in the 2019-20 school year:

PRESCHOOL:

Starfish: 8:45-11:45 AM / Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Penguin: 8:45-11:45 AM / Thursday and Friday

Manatee 2-day option: 12:40-3:45 PM / Tuesday and Thursday

Manatee 3-day option: 12:40-3:45 PM / Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Manatee 4-day option: 12:40-3:45 PM / Tuesday through Friday

4K:

Dolphin: 8:40-11:45 AM / Tuesday through Friday

Manatee: 12:40-3:45 PM / Tuesday through Friday

Like this year, our Manatee class in the afternoon will again be a mixed-age class for both preschool and 4K students.

Lunch Bunch will again be offered from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM Tuesday through Friday for an additional fee. Information about Lunch Bunch fees will be available in May.

2. How old does my child have to be for your preschool classes?

Our preschool classes are now open to any children who will turn THREE by December 1, 2019 and are fully potty trained!

3. Is there a registration fee when you apply?

Yes. Families should attach a \$75.00 registration fee to each application submitted. 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 8:00 AM on Monday, February 11th. New and alumni families can register beginning at 8:00 AM on Monday, February 18th. Alumni families have a preference for class choice on that day (i.e. Feb. 18).

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 2018-19 board members
- 2nd Current families (enrolled in any MGNS program during the 2018-19 school year)
- 3rd Alumni families (those who have had a child enrolled in a previous year)
- 4th Families new 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 4K 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:

- First, enroll in your choice of class with MGNS on the appropriate date for your family.
- Then, complete MMSD's online and in-person enrollment: <https://deedweb.madison.k12.wi.us/4k>

7. Is it possible for a preschooler to attend MGNS 5 mornings a week?

Yes! A family can sign up for both the Penguin and the Starfish class, and have their child come to school Monday through Friday mornings. Students would be part of two different classes with two different sets of kids and teachers, but it can work! 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 Monona / McFarland / Cottage Grove / 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 2019-20 school year and attend MGNS as an MMSD student for free.

The open enrollment process is relatively simple, and Sue can walk you through it. In addition, we have had several current 4K families who have been through the process and can answer your 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.

Families also always have the option to pay tuition to attend our 4K program.

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

Applications for the 2019-20 Toddler Time program will be available for current MGNS families on March 1. Applications will be open to new families on March 15.

12. This is all great information, but I still have questions. How can I get them answered?

Sue will be holding two Q-and-A sessions about enrollment on Tuesday, January 29th. One will be at 9:00 AM in the Hearthside Room, and another will be at 1:00 PM in the school office. Bring all your questions!

Folks are also always welcome to get questions answered by calling the school at 222-4633, or emailing Sue Carr at suecmgns@gmail.com. Or stop in at the school! We want to help you with this process!

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