

MGNS - Registration for 2024-2025: Frequently Asked Questions

1. What classes will be offered in the 2024-25 school year?

Classes will be the same as the 2023-24 school year!

- Starfish (3-year-old preschool): MTW am 8:45-11:45
- Penguins (3-year-old preschool): TH-F am 8:45-11:45
- Dolphins (4K AM): T-F am 8:40-11:45
- Sea Otters (Mixed-age 3-year-old preschool & 4K): T-F pm 12:40-3:45
 - 4k kids attend T-Fr, Preschool kids can choose 3 or 4 afternoons per week.

Toddler Time will be offered Monday through Friday from 9:00-11:00 .

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 Preschool 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!

There is a \$25 registration fee for Toddler Time families. Registration fees are non-refundable.

3. When can I register my child?

- **Current** families: (includes kids currently enrolled, or were enrolled in session 1 or 2 of Toddler Time)
 - In Person: Registration begins at **8:00 AM on Monday, February 12**. It is first come, first served, just inside the purple MGNS school door.
 - Online: Submit your application online starting at **8:00 AM on Monday, February 12**. The application will open at 8:00 am and it will be time stamped. Any registration fees will need to be paid by mail that week.
- **New and alumni** families: (alumni families have a preference over new families for that day)
 - In Person: Registration begins at **8:00 AM on Monday, February 19**. It is first come, first served, just inside the purple MGNS school door.
 - Online: Submit your application online starting at **8:00 AM on Monday, February 19**. The application will open at 8 am and it will be time stamped. Any registration fees will need to be paid by mail that week.
- Yes, you can send your application in with a friend or family member if you cannot make it!
- To be considered, all applications must be complete, meaning they include all initials and signatures and have the appropriate registration fee attached or mailed in that week.

4. What is the order of enrollment preference?

- 1st MGNS 2023-24 board members
- 2nd Current co-op families (enrolled in any program during the 2023-24 school year).
- 3rd Alumni families (family member enrolled in a previous year)
- 4th New families to MGNS

5. Is there financial aid available for preschool?

- Yes! MGNS is a 5-star Youngstar school and therefore accepts state aid through the WI shares program. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/apply>
- In addition, we are a City of Madison School and therefore accepts aid through the city child care grants <https://www.cityofmadison.com/commserve/CommunityTAP.html>
- And! We have our own MGNS scholarship program. We are usually able to fund 2 scholarships a year (up to 50% tuition each). Applications for MGNS scholarships can be found here: [MGNS Scholarship Application](#)

6. 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, 2024 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; 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! 4K is still free! And we will help if you need it!

7. 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.

8. 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 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.

9. 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 2024-25 school year and attend MGNS as a 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 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 <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>

12. Can you remind me of the age requirements, please?

- 4K kids must be 4 years old by September 1, 2024
- All kids enrolling as tuition-paying preschoolers must be at least 3 years old by December 1, 2024
- All students for preschool and 4K must be potty trained.
- Toddler Time kids come with a grown up, and therefore can be any age!

13. Tell me about Toddler Time!

- Toddler Time is for kids and their grown ups to come together. It is an introduction to preschool.
- There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for Toddler Time.
- Most kids come 1 day/week, but some come 2 and your 2nd day is ½ off.
- NEW in 2024/25, Toddler Time sign up will be for the whole year! Your yearly tuition can be paid in 10 monthly installments- just like preschool!
- Also NEW in 2024/25, Toddler Time kids will register in our online system (ELV) so that they can make payments and receive school wide texts (sent in the event of a school closure or illness)

13. I am confused and have questions! Do you have another question we didn't answer here? Email School Director, Sue Carr at suec@mgns.org. We want to help you with this process!