

What is "RF4C"?

River Falls 4 Children (RF4C) is a community-based early learning program for four-year-old children residing within the School District of River Falls. Children will be enrolled in the School District of River Falls' 4-year-old kindergarten program but will be taught in a local community preschool / childcare location. RF4C classes will be taught by highly qualified Wisconsin Department of Instruction licensed teachers. RF4C classes will run Monday through Friday. The calendar year will be similar to the school district calendar. Some of the RF4C locations offer extended childcare options. There is NO cost for the RF4C program, but parents are responsible for childcare costs beyond the 2 hour 40 minute preschool program. Most child care programs have limited spots available and have a first come - first serve policy so parents needing child care should contact sites directly as soon as possible. RF4C includes a strong focus on parent-school communication and regular family outreach activities.

Who Can Participate in RF4C?

Any child who will be four years old by September 1 of the given school year will be eligible to participate. Enrollment information will be available at the parent informational meetings scheduled for February. Enrollment materials are also available in the District Office, any elementary office, all participating sites, or by downloading forms on the district website: www.rfsd.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 RF4C programming, no matter which of the 6 sites your child is placed. Sites that offer extended day child care will still charge for child care services.

What Will My Child Learn?

Children will participate in play activities that provide rich learning experiences. As an early education program, RF4C will focus on early literacy and language but also include math, social studies, science, health, physical education, art, and music. Young children learn by doing and exploring in an integrated, nurturing environment. A typical day would include some teacher-directed instruction, many "hands-on" activities, and opportunities for child-initiated play. "For children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." Fred Rogers

Where Will My Child Go to RF4C?

The purpose of a community-based 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program is to partner with the existing expertise, experience and facilities of private providers in the community. All partner sites will utilize similar curriculum. The following is a list of RF4C partner sites within the community that will be available for the 2016-17 school year. Parents can choose a site that best fits the needs of their child depending upon transportation needs.

** Please note: All RF4C sites will provide the same curriculum and program. Faith-based instruction is not provided during RF4C hours of operation.*

RF4C Partner Sites

**Abundant Life Christian Learning Center
896 State Hwy. 65**

**The C.H.I.L.D. Center
900 E. Cascade Street**

**Jacob's Ladder - Ezekiel Lutheran
202 S. 2nd Street**

**Little Minds Learning Center
250 Quarry Rd.**

**Little Adventures Child Care Center
708 Whitetail Blvd.**

**River Falls Public Montessori
439 W. Maple Street**

**The University Preschool
400 Wild Rose Avenue**