



FAQs for River Falls 4 Children (RF4C)

What are the benefits of 4K?

This approach, known as the community-collaborative model, builds on existing resources in our community. With district partnership, parents are guaranteed that their child's classroom will have a highly qualified, DPI-licensed teacher and will implement a consistent curriculum framework incorporating the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. In addition, centers will offer expanded family outreach activities, and certain sites will offer childcare before or after 4K (wrap around care).

How much does the program cost?

There is no cost to families for the regularly scheduled hours of the program. If parents elect to purchase child care services before and/or after the RF4C day, the parents will pay the rate established by each individual program for the contracted services provided.

Who can participate?

Any child who is four years old on or before September 1st can participate. Children are enrolled in RF4C for one year prior to kindergarten entrance. This is a one year program.

Can non-resident students participate?

By state law, four-year-olds who reside outside of the district can apply for Open Enrollment if their resident district offers 4K. The open enrollment period for 2017-18 is February 6-April 28, 2017 by 4pm. More information can be found here: <http://oe.dpi.wi.gov/>. Or <http://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us>

When does the enrollment process begin?

Registrations will begin at 7:30am on Monday, March 6, 2017. You can hand in your forms at Westside Elementary in person (1007 W. Pine Street), by email (becky.mcaleavey@rfsd.k12.wi.us), or by mail (1007 W Pine Street, River Falls, WI 54022).

What are the days the program runs and what are the hours?

RF4C classes will run Monday through Friday from either 8:50 - 11:30 AM at all program sites

OR 12:30 - 3:10 PM at Abundant Life Learning Center, 12:35 - 3:15 PM at Little Minds, & 12:45 - 3:25 PM at Jacob's Ladder Preschool.

**The calendar year will be similar to the school district calendar.

When does the school year begin?

First day for RF4C students will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

When will families be notified of placement?

Families will receive a placement letter beginning June, 2017.

Where is the RF4C Program held?

RF4C Partner Sites:

Abundant Life Learning Center
Jacob's Ladder Preschool
The University Preschool

UWRF CHILD Center
Little Adventures

Little Minds Learning Center
River Falls Public Montessori

Which Sites offer Wrap-around care?

Abundant Life Learning Center
CHILD Center
Jacob's Ladder
Little Adventures
Little Minds Learning Center

Will there be Open Houses for Program Sites?

Yes. Once you have your placement, your child's teacher will send a letter informing your family of Open Houses. This information will also be posted to the RF4C Webpage along with supply lists beginning in August.

Will my child be eligible for transportation?

Families needing transportation:

- **Outside city limits will be placed in an AM class**
- **Within city limits will be placed in a PM class**

Students must be picked up and dropped off at a consistent location:

- At Home
- At a Home Daycare
- At a Childcare Center

AM Transportation: (Rural)

No transportation provided to:

- University Preschool
- Little Adventures

Transportation provided:

- Westside Elementary residents to Abundant Life
 - Rocky Branch residents to CHILD Center
 - Greenwood residents to Jacob's Ladder
 - All elementary schools to RF Public Montessori
- (Transportation to home is based on Rural/City location)

PM Transportation: (City)

Transportation provided:

- Jacob's Ladder – OR – Abundant Life Learning Center - OR - Little Minds Learning Center

**For more information log onto: rfsd.k12.wi.us and go to "Schools" to find
River Falls 4 Children Webpage.**

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