

## Unity School District - Board of Education

### Board Policy 341.61

#### 4 Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

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The School District of Unity operates a ~~pre-kindergarten~~ four-year-old kindergarten (4K) program in which all children of the district who are four years old on or before September 1 of the current school year may enroll.

The Unity School District will follow the certification requirements set forth by The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the teachers of the four-year-old kindergarten. Physical facilities, equipment and materials shall be provided for a program which includes opportunities for students to learn social competence skills, self-confidence and basic skills in language. The curriculum of the four-year-old kindergarten will focus on active, exploratory learning.

Early Entry – Children must be four years old on or before September 1 of the current year they are enrolling. No early entries will be accepted. A waiting list will be developed until the number of students warrant administration to examine adding another classroom.

Open enrollment applies to four-year old kindergarten, ~~pre-kindergarten~~ and early childhood education *only if* the child's resident school district offers the same type of program the child wishes to attend, and *only if* the child is eligible for the program in the resident school district {(Ref: WI Stat. 118.51 (2)}. The application must be completed and filed according to the Open Enrollment requirements.

If a child is eligible for kindergarten (5 before September 1 of the current year) and parents believe the child is not ready either socially or academically for kindergarten, they may discuss this option with the elementary principal and seek permission to enroll them in the 4K Program.

Early Childhood – Each child needs will be assessed on an individual basis. Early Childhood and 4K will work closely together to determine if a child needs services provided by the Early Childhood Program.

Families ~~will not be allowed to~~ may request a teacher for their child in the 4K Program, however, the Unity School District is under NO obligation to honor parental requests.