

The Importance of Aligning 4K & 5K in Wisconsin

Projected for the 2017-2018 school year, WI will have 4K available in over 99% of its school districts statewide. A high-quality 4K experience provides a positive foundation for children's future success in school and can have a tremendous impact on a child's social, emotional, and learning development. Yet one education experience is not a silver bullet solution to future learning in WI's Public Schools. Research shows that child development is a continuous process and gains made in our 4K programs must be sustained by quality education throughout the K-3 years.

WI promotes a 4K-5K alignment to help promote a seamless education that will sustain the gains made in preschool and lead to better outcomes later in school. Providing a continuous and well-aligned set of early learning experiences is imperative for improving student achievement and social-emotional success. In addition, consistent access to high-quality classrooms and schools in the early years provides opportunities for all children to build upon their strong foundational skills. Click [HERE](#) (link to PPT slides as pdf) to learn more about the process to address "Fade-Out" from quality PreK when transitioning to 5K to improve outcomes for all young children in WI.