

Child Find

Under a federal program called "Child Find," school districts are required to offer screenings and evaluations to help identify children who need specialized instruction in motor, social, communication, self-help and/or learning skills. Children who are found to have a qualifying disability can receive Early Childhood Special Education Services (ECSE). Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness and activities provided by the Wisconsin Heights School District. All resident families with children ages two-five are invited to take part in our third annual Child Development Fair on February 18th from 1:00-6:30 pm. Information on Child Find will be mailed out in January.



Wisconsin Heights Child Development Fair (CDF)
February 18, 2019 (1:00-6:30 pm) at Black Earth Elementary School



The purpose of the Child Development Fair is to provide families of children ages 2-5 an opportunity to support their child's early development and to learn more about children's resources within our community. Children will be screened in all areas of development, (including a vision and hearing screening), and parents will be able to explore a variety of local community resources. Any child who will be two years old by January 1, 2019 is invited to attend this free event. Pre-Registration is required for the Child Development Fair which can be done in person at the 4K Registration being held Tuesday, February 5th, or by phone in early January.

Why is your Child's Developmental Health Important?

Research shows that recognizing and addressing delays early in a child's development increases their success in learning throughout their schooling. Find out how to ensure your child is on the right track for success by signing up for the Wisconsin Heights Child Development Fair.

What programs does the Wisconsin Heights School District offer for children between the ages of 3 and 5?

The Wisconsin Heights School District offers three educational programs for young children, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), 4-year-old Kindergarten, and Kindergarten.

- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) is for children who qualify for special services due to a qualifying disability. Children between the ages of 3-5 may qualify for special services. Possible services include Speech and Language Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; and cognitive, social-emotional, or adaptive services provided by an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher. These services can be provided within a range of environments including the following: inclusion into a 4K or Kindergarten class, a separate three-year-old ECSE class, a home, or daycare setting. Placement is determined by the age and needs of each individual child. Any child who

has a documented disability and who turns three years old prior to or within the 2019-20 school year is eligible for ECSE services for the 2019-20 school year.

- Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) is a half day program for any child who will be four years old prior to September 1, 2019. Four-year-old-Kindergarten is universal and open to all children within the Wisconsin Heights School District. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate, with both child- and teacher-directed activities. The emphasis is on active learning and addressing all areas of child development.
- Kindergarten (5K) is for any child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2019.

Age Eligibility at a Glance for the 2019-20 School Year

- Children 5 years of age by September 1, 2019 are eligible for Kindergarten (5K)
- Children 4 years of age by September 1, 2019 are eligible for 4K
- Children 3 years of age at any time during the 2019-20 school year *may be eligible for Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) with a documented disability. The Wisconsin Heights School District is responsible for screening, referring, and evaluating children suspected of having a disability.*

Important Dates!

- **February 5th – Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) Pre-Registration from 3:30- 5:30 pm at Black Earth Elementary School.** This is for parents interested in enrolling their child in the 4K program for the 2019-20 school year. Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to come to Black Earth Elementary and fill out pre-registration paperwork on February 5th. At the same time, parents will be able to sign-up for the **Child Development Fair** and complete the Parent Questionnaire.
- **February 5th – Pre-Registration/Appointment Sign-up for 2-5 year-olds to attend the Child Development Fair from 3:30-5:30 pm at Black Earth Elementary School.** You can also call Bev Whalen at the Wisconsin Heights District Office (608) 767-2595, ext. 1005, to sign up for a time slot for the Child Development Fair to be held on February 18th. ***Any child who will be two years old by January 1, 2019 is invited to attend.***
- **February 18th – Child Development Fair from 1:00 – 6:30 pm (last appointment at 6:00 pm) at Black Earth Elementary School.**