



A NEXT STEPS GUIDE to 4K Enrollment for 2023-2024 Applicants

Now that you have submitted your completed 4K application, here is what to do and expect next:

- **DIAL-4 Screening (required prior to acceptance)**
Prior to acceptance, students must be baseline-tested for school readiness using the DIAL-4 screening tool. Parents will be notified of testing dates/times via the email address you provided on the application. During your child's DIAL-4 testing appointment, a parent/guardian will complete additional required forms.
- **Acceptance/Waiting List Notification**
After your child completes DIAL-4, you will receive an email confirming your child's status (they will either be accepted immediately or placed on a waiting list). Those who apply by May 25 will be notified by July 1. The email will be sent to the address provided on your child's application. *If your application was submitted after May 25, it will be processed if space remains available. Notification for these applicants will be given by early August.*
- **Completing the Online Registration Process**
If your student is accepted, your notification letter will include instructions for completing the online registration process, which is required for your student to be assigned to a 4K class. It is important to complete this immediately upon acceptance.
- **For Accepted Students: Register NOW for Countdown to 4K This Summer – Meet Your 4K Teacher!**
In partnership with Spartanburg County First Steps, District 7 provides accepted 4K students the opportunity to participate in *Countdown to 4K* during the summer. Participation helps your family successfully transition into 4K by connecting the student, family, and their new 4K teacher in a series of one-to-one visits. Space is limited. The registration form is included in the packet provided during your DIAL-4 screening.
- **For ALL Families: Assess Your Child's Development and Milestones**
District 7 and Hello Family Spartanburg (<https://www.hellofamilyspartanburg.org/>) encourage parents/guardians of pre-school age children to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). This online survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and helps you understand your child's current strengths and skills, follow their developmental milestones, and can help identify any potential concerns. It also helps you connect with additional family resources in our community. Learn more and complete the screening at <https://helpmegrowsc.org/>.

REMINDER: District 7's 4K Acceptance Criteria

District 7's 4K programs are open to all District 7 students but space is limited. Students with **greatest academic and financial need** are prioritized for enrollment; therefore, every effort will be made to place each student within their home school but some students may be placed in another District 7 school only for their 4K year.

If your child does not qualify based on academic and financial need, they will be placed on a waiting list and admitted on a first-come, first-served basis for any spaces that remain open at the beginning of August.