The mission of the Verona Area Pre-K Partnership in Early Learning is to meet the diverse needs of four year olds in a safe and nurturing environment through developmentally appropriate experiences creating a foundation for lifelong learning.

What is Verona Area Pre-K?
A Verona Area School District coordinated four-year-old Pre-K program that is play-based and follows the Wisconsin Early Learning Standards.

Who is eligible for Pre-K?
Any four-year-old living in the Verona Area School District (Four years old on or before September 1, 2018).

How do you register for Pre-K?
Step 1 – Your family needs to provide the paperwork to start the registration process. Please call 608-845-4360 to set up an appointment and bring the following items to the District Registration Office.

WHERE: District Registration Office
Located at Verona Area High School
300 Richard Street
Verona, WI 53593

WHEN: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

WHAT TO BRING:
Proof of Age/Name - You must provide one (1) document
☐ Birth certificate
☐ Current passport
☐ Immunization records

Proof of Residency – You must provide one (1) document
☐ Current lease agreement (must include terms/dates of lease)
☐ Mortgage document
☐ Current utility bill (Gas, Water or Electric ONLY) within last 45 days

Step 2 – On-line registration will be available for parents starting Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 am. Parents will receive their unique Snapcode and instructions for completing the process in the mail or by e-mail before Friday, February 23, 2018. Only families that have completed step 1 will receive letters to continue the registration process. Placement will happen in the order on-line registration is submitted. Legacy families are required to complete step 2 by March 2nd to secure your legacy space at your Pre-K site.

Step 3 – Once you have completed step 1 and step 2 your child will be placed at a Pre-K site. In June 2018 your family will be notified which site and session your child will be attending.

What does it cost?
This is a tuition-free program. A fee may be charged for supplies or snacks. Some locations offer optional extended childcare. Families are responsible for childcare cost beyond the Pre-K program. Families must arrange childcare on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Who are the teachers?
A state licensed Pre-K teacher. A co-teacher is assigned to classrooms of more than 12 students.

When and where are the classes?
Days and Times: Tuesdays through Fridays for 3 hours and 10 minutes
*7:50-11:00 AM or **8:30-11:40 AM or ***11:30-2:40PM (Times approximate)
Days follow the Verona Area School District calendar
Children are enrolled in the Verona Area School District’s program but taught in a local community preschool/childcare location. Families will list their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice preference when they register on-line. The following sites are participating in the Verona Area Pre-K Partnership:

- Angels Joy Learning Center **
- Here We Grow Learning Center *
- La Petite Academy (Fitchburg) *
- La Petite Academy (Verona) *
- Little Blessings Preschool **
- Little Pilgrims **
- Once Upon A Time Child Care Center * and possibly ***

What is a Legacy Student?

Student currently attending Pre-K site as a preschoo ler:
A Legacy student/family that is currently attending a Pre-K site is a student entitled to the same spot they currently hold at their same preschool site. Those students will be placed first before new students enter the classrooms. Legacy families need to register under the same process as new students.

A sibling has attended the Pre-K site in the past:
A Legacy student/family that has had a sibling attend a Pre-K site will be placed before new students enter the classrooms. Legacy Families need to contact the Pre-K site and be placed on the site Legacy list. This is the responsibility of the legacy family. Legacy families need to register under the same process as new students even if they have had children go through the VASD Pre-K program.

A sibling has attended a site that is no longer participating:
A Legacy student/family that has had a sibling attend a Pre-K site that is no longer participating in the Pre-K program should contact Jennifer Skibba at skibbaj@verona.k12.wi.us to be placed on the legacy list. If the family has contacted Jennifer before February 16th students will be placed before new students enter the classrooms. Legacy families need to register under the same process as new students even if they have had children go through the VASD Pre-K program.

What will my child learn?
Children will participate in play-based activities that provide rich learning experiences. A focus on learning through play allows children to gain skills in all areas including: social-emotional, cognitive, creative expression, early literacy, early math, and self-help. Teachers will use materials and curriculum that enhance those experiences through a hands-on approach.

Pre-K uses the following frameworks for planning how we support students’ development:

![Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards](http://www.compasscollaboratingpartners.com/wmels-about.php)

![Pyramid Model](http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/social-emotional-competence-sefel-pyramid.php)

Pre-K uses the following curriculums to teach specific skills:

- **Creative Curriculum**
  - [http://teachingstrategies.com](http://teachingstrategies.com)

- **Handwriting Without Tears**
  - [https://www.lwtears.com](https://www.lwtears.com)

- **YogaKids**
  - [http://yogakids.com](http://yogakids.com)

What if I don’t have transportation?

- Transportation will be provided if the child lives or is cared for at least ¼ mile or more from the Pre-K site.
- Families participating in the Spanish Bilingual Program will be bussed to Pooh Bear Child Care and Preschool.
- Your attendance area zone will be determined by where your child is picked up and dropped off.
- Families needing bussing services anytime during the year will be limited to picking a Pre-K site within your attendance area zone.
- Pick up and drop off will be as close to the residence but busses will not go down cul-de-sacs and dead end roads.

Attendance area zones for transportation:

**Country View – Verona**
La Petite Academy – Verona
Little Blessings

**Country View – Fitchburg**
La Petite Academy – Verona
Little Pilgrims
Sugar Creek - Verona
La Petite Academy – Verona
The Caring Center
Verona Montessori

Sugar Creek – Fitchburg
La Petite Academy – Fitchburg
Pooh Bear Child Care and Preschool
Angels Joy Learning Center

Glacier Edge
Once Upon A Time
St. James Preschool

Glacier Edge to Country View
Once Upon A Time
St. James Preschool

Glacier Edge to Stoner Prairie
La Petite Academy – Fitchburg
YMCA – Stoner Prairie

Stoner Prairie – West of 18
La Petite Academy – Verona
Little Pilgrims

**Stoner Prairie – East of 18**
La Petite Academy – Fitchburg
Pooh Bear Child Care and Preschool
YMCA – Stoner Prairie
Angels Joy Learning Center