Survey Administration
The First Steps 4K Spring Family Engagement Survey was administered online from March 7th, 2022, to March 28th, 2022 (about 127-142 days into the 2021-2022 school year). The survey was sent via email in the March monthly “4K Parent Connection” newsletter. A reminder text message was sent to 2,706 parents/caregivers of 4K students on March 22nd, 2022. There were 193 respondents to the survey (response rate: 7%).

Respondent Demographics
Most survey respondents self-identified as Black (58%) or white (33%). Almost all respondents were the parent of the 4K student (85%); however, grandparents (9%) and foster parents and guardians (2%) also completed the survey.

89% of respondents were women.

![Figure 1. Demographics of survey respondents. Missing race/ethnicity for 10 respondents. For ethnicity, “Other” includes Asian/Asian American (2%), Middle Eastern/North African (1%), Native American or Alaska Native (3%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (1%), or self-identified (3%). Percentages may not total 100% as respondents were instructed to select all that apply.]

First Steps 4K students demonstrate kindergarten readiness skills

Because my 4K student is enrolled in First Steps 4K, my 4K student...

- **83%** knows some letters of the alphabet
- **80%** has improved social interaction with other children
- **80%** can count to 20
- **79%** is beginning to write their first name
- **67%** is excited about books
- **22%** has improved self-regulation/skills for coping with stress
- **76%** of respondents said their 4K student is ready for kindergarten.
- **74%** of parents whose children are in extended day or extended year programs report being able to work or attend school full-time because of their child’s enrollment in First Steps 4K.
- **65%** of respondents said the option of before or after school hours is extremely important in their selection of First Steps 4K.

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