

## First Steps 4K Family Engagement Survey | May 2022

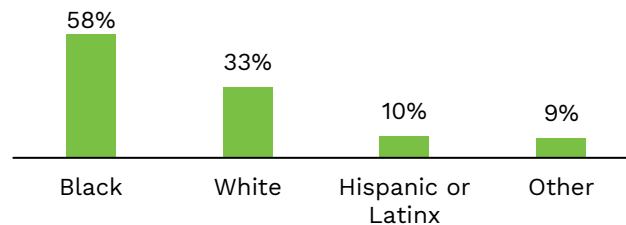
### Survey Administration

The First Steps 4K Spring Family Engagement Survey was administered online from March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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%**

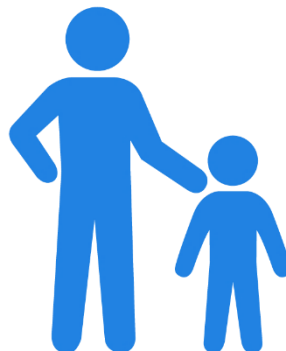
has improved self-regulation/skills for coping with stress

**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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