



## Questions and Answers for Parents

### **WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WATERFORD.ORG AND DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT?**

Davis School District is committed to delivering the very best education to your children. Every year we make decisions about programs and curriculum that we can incorporate into our current education programs. Waterford Upstart is a no-cost resource that is proven to help children get better prepared for kindergarten.

It aligns well with our goals for PreK, so we're encouraging parents to register. Waterford Upstart is not designed as a replacement for preschool or PreK. Rather, it works best as a supplement to our PreK classes and the work that our fantastic Davis teachers do.

Davis School District does not pay for Waterford Upstart. It is a state-funded program that is already available to most families in Utah. Our agreement with Waterford.org will give Davis School District families priority placement in the program if they register quickly.

Additionally, we are proud to have earned the "Early Learning Champion" designation from Waterford.org. This will position us to take advantage of other great programs from Waterford.org.

### **WHAT ARE MY OBLIGATIONS AS A PARENT IF I REGISTER FOR WATERFORD UPSTART?**

Waterford Upstart requires that children use adaptive software for 15 minutes a day, five days a week. Parents are ultimately accountable for their child's usage. We anticipate that most families who register for Waterford Upstart will use the software for 15 minutes a day in the home. Parents will need to complete the training modules online before their child can begin the program. Additionally, parents will get occasional email and text notifications from Waterford.org.

### **IS REGISTRATION FOR WATERFORD UPSTART REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT IN DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT PREK?**

We have agreed to encourage Waterford Upstart for families in our district. However, parents are not obligated to register.

### **IF I REGISTER FOR WATERFORD UPSTART, CAN I UN-ENROLL MY CHILD FROM DAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT PREK?**

You should not un-enroll your child from PreK. Waterford Upstart is designed as a supplement to a PreK experience with a qualified teacher.



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### **WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO REGISTER FOR WATERFORD UPSTART?**

If you don't want to register for this no-cost resource, you do not have to. Simply ignore the emails that come from Waterford.org, or unsubscribe from them.

### **HOW DID WATERFORD.ORG GET MY EMAIL?**

Davis School District shared a list of parent emails with Waterford.org to facilitate the registration process. No child data was shared.

Waterford.org has signed a data-sharing agreement with Davis School District that prohibits them from using the email for any purpose other than notifying parents of the district's partnership and giving parents the opportunity to register for Waterford Upstart.

### **WHY DO PARENTS NEED TO REGISTER THEIR OWN CHILDREN?**

One powerful feature of Waterford Upstart is that it puts parents at the center of their child's education. When parents register, they get access to their child's usage, progress, and achievements through Mentor.

### **CAN CHILDREN USE THE PROGRAM WHILE AT DAYCARE/ PRESCHOOL/ PREK?**

We already have our school programs planned for this year, so there will not be opportunities to use Waterford Upstart in PreK classrooms. Instead, we encourage parents to commit to the usage requirements of 15 minutes a day, five days a week in the home. Parents still see their children's usage, progress, and achievements; and will still be able to login at home.

### **DOES WATERFORD.ORG PROVIDE COMPUTERS?**

Yes. Families who qualify will be provided with hardware and internet access if needed. At this time, Waterford.org cannot provide hardware to your school district.