

Winooski Valley Superintendents Association (WVSA) Universal Preschool Region
Barre Unified Union School District
Harwood Unified Union School District
Lamoille North Supervisory Union
Orange Southwest School District
Washington Central Unified Union School District

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Montpelier Roxbury School District
Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union
White River Valley Supervisory Union

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Dear Families,

Please read this information and sign the second page of this document.

To be eligible for Universal Preschool/Act 166 funding children must be 3, 4, or 5 years of age on or before September 1st. The child may remain enrolled at their early education center at age 6; however, access to Act 166 Tuition will stop on the child's birthday. Children enrolled in Act 166 **may not** also be enrolled in Kindergarten.

The WVSA region has entered partnerships with many community early childhood programs. To participate in Universal Preschool/Act 166 an early childhood program must be prequalified by the Agency of Education (AOE). If your child's early childhood program is not yet qualified, encourage them to reach out to the early education team at the Agency of Education. If your child is attending both a public school and a community program the funding is applied to the public school location.

You are required to **complete the registration process with your school district.**

Under the criteria that an early childhood program must meet, as verified by the AOE, programs must:

- Be in compliance with Child Development Division Licensing Regulations.
- Participate in the State's Step Ahead Recognition System at state determined level* currently under redesign
- Use Vermont's Early Learning Standards (VELS) to plan curriculum
- Employ or contract with an AOE licensed teacher with either an Early Childhood or Early Childhood Special Education endorsement
- Assess and monitor PreK student progress using the online Assessment System ***Teaching Strategies Gold*** (TSG).
- Provide parents or guardians and AOE with a report of a child's developmental progress at least twice per year and offer parents/guardians two opportunities per year to meet with the teacher
- Operate a minimum of 10 hours per week and 35 weeks during the academic year
- Adhere to all applicable federal and state laws.
- For children receiving early childhood special education services who are enrolled in the prekindergarten program, allow access to early childhood special education service providers:
- Assure to adhere to and report child incident data on restraint and seclusion requirements
- Adhere to and report child incident data on suspension and expulsion requirements
- Accept and educate students without discrimination based on gender, race, nationality, disability, economic status, religion, or parental marital status.
- Accept and educate students without discrimination based on toilet learning.
- Assure to permit on-site visits announced and unannounced, representatives from the Agency of Education, the Department for Children and Families, and partner School District Staff

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**Act 166: Universal Prekindergarten Tuition Request Form
2024-2025 School Year**

Child's Legal Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____
 Physical Address (where you reside): _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 I plan for my child to attend (program name): _____

By requesting pre-kindergarten tuition funds, I agree to:

- **complete the registration process with my resident school district**, which includes proof of residency and proof of age. Schools will provide up to **\$3,884** per school year to **one** pre-qualified pre-kindergarten provider if the child's registration is complete before the start of the school year.

I understand that my child's tuition will be prorated based on the date that I fully complete registration and/or update the information if my child was enrolled last year. (10 hours per week for 35 weeks).

- **follow the attendance policy** provided by the pre-kindergarten program and ensure that my child attends pre-kindergarten consistently. I understand it is my responsibility to notify the Supervisory Union/Supervisory District if we move or if my child stops attending pre-kindergarten or changes programs;
- **authorize the release of information** between my child's prekindergarten program to communicate with my school district about my child's development, enrollment, attendance, registration and suspension/expulsion.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the information provided in this document.

 Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

 Date

Please send this form and your child's registration packet to the registrar at your School District of residence

Internal use only: copy to: ____Registrar, ____Act 166 Designee, ____other: _____