

# Sayville Public Schools

## Full-Day Universal Prekindergarten

### REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT

January 22 — March 8, 2024

The Sayville School District is accepting applications for its 2024-2025 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program which provides educationally based, high-quality Pre-K to 4-year-old children.

All UPK classes are taught by New York State certified teachers and follow the Sayville Schools calendar. There are currently 126 slots available to participate in the District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program. Students will be selected by lottery. Based on anticipated state funding, the district is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 UPK program.

#### Requirements

- o Your child is required to be a resident of Sayville Schools.
- o Your child must be four years old on or before December 1, 2024.
- o Children who are enrolled must meet NYS health and immunization requirements.
- o A commitment is required to the full program, which is 5 hours per day, 5 days per week for the duration of the program.
- o A completed registration must be on file for your child to be eligible for the UPK program.
- o Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the program.

#### Timeline

- o January 22, 2024 – March 8, 2024 - The registration/application process for the 2024-2025 program must be completed in order to participate in the lottery draw.
- o March 21, 2024 - Lottery Draw at 12 pm. Families can view the lottery via livestream.

#### How to Apply

Complete the district registration process by calling the registrar starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for an appointment: (631) 244-6505. UPK Registration begins January 22<sup>nd</sup> and must be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the UPK Lottery Draw. Once the program is filled, registered students will be added to the UPK Program Waitlist. Once the registration is complete, families will receive their Application Lottery Number. For questions regarding the lottery draw, please contact Joan Brand or Dana Galanti at (631)-244-6505.



## Who is eligible for UPK?

UPK is a full day program (**pending state funding**) opened to children residing in the Sayville School District who are four years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. Students are selected by a Lottery Draw to participate in the program.



### Will I be guaranteed a spot for my child?

Student placement will be determined through the use of a **UPK Lottery Draw** as required by the NYS Education Department. UPK registration begins January 22<sup>nd</sup> and must be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the UPK Lottery Draw. Once the program is filled, registered students will be added to the UPK Program Waitlist. The District **does not** have a first-come, first-served basis list. Please keep in mind that while the District would like to accommodate all requests, it is possible that not all children who enter the lottery will get into the program. This is based upon the overall numbers compared to the actual slots that are available. Those who do not get into the program will be put on a waiting list.

### What's the acceptance/placement process?

The UPK lottery will be held March 21, 2024 and families will have the opportunity to view the lottery via livestream. Additional details and the link to the livestream will be posted on the website homepage. Either by phone or email, families will be notified of the lottery results.

### Is transportation provided for my child?

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the program.

### Is there a wait list?

Registration/application to the UPK 2024-2025 Program is ongoing. Once the program is filled, all applicants will be added to the program waitlist throughout the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

### Where will the UPK Program be held?

The UPK Program is currently housed at all three elementary buildings. However, your child is not guaranteed a spot in his/her home building.

