



Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

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Agenda

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Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Educational programming to provide a foundation for kindergarten success

Provide age and developmentally-appropriate curriculum and activities which are learner-centered

Instruction aligned to the New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards



Updates: Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)

Seaford School District intends to implement UPK as long as there is funding and allowable space based on the following:

- New York State Funds
- Interested providers
- Special Education (K-5) program classroom needs
- K-5 classroom needs



Closer Look at Considerations

K-5 Class Enrollment Size



Adjustments to K-5 sections according to student enrollment to maintain class sizes

Special Education Programming



Increase Special Education programming sections to support students and learning environments

Available Space



Evaluate spaces needed to maintain all our K-5 academic and SEL initiatives at the Harbor and Manor Elementary Schools

Implementation Process: Request for Proposal (RFP)



The District invited proposals from qualified individuals and providers of childcare and early education for providing a universal pre-kindergarten program for students of the District in accordance with the Request for Proposals (RFP).

This was sent to providers via email and mail in early October. No vendor responded to this RFP. A second Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out on December 1. RFP will be due no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.



RFP Guidelines



- 4 years of age on or before December 1st
- Up to 61 students for the 2023-2024 school year
- If 18 students are in a section, then the section will need 1 teacher and 1 teacher aide



UPK Options for Successful Bidders



- All UPK sections will be provided by outside providers
- There is a maximum of three UPK sections; one at the Manor Elementary School (projected) and possible two sections at community schools
- It is anticipated there will be one section at the Manor Elementary School provided we do not need the classrooms for K-5 instruction
- The remaining two UPK sections cannot be held in one of the District's buildings because we anticipate classrooms being needed for our K-5 instruction
- The RFP allows for community schools to express interest in providing up to two UPK sections
- Offering UPK is expressly dependent upon providers responding to the RFP



Next Steps: UPK Process

- Providers must respond to the RFP
- Late January-February, application process would begin for students who turn 4 years old on or before December 1 and residents of the Seaford School District
- Student selection is through a lottery process done by the school district
- Once the lottery has been conducted, the successful provider(s) will work with the school district to confirm student placement, and parents/guardians will be instructed to register with the provider(s)
- Future Meet & Greet & Informational Meetings for UPK parents will be held





COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Thank-you!

