

Edgemont Pre-Kindergarten Program at the YMCA

Parent FAQ

What is the Edgemont Pre-Kindergarten program?

The Edgemont Union Free School District is offering a limited number of pre-kindergarten seats for the 2025–2026 school year in partnership with the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, children must:

- Reside within the Edgemont Union Free School District boundaries
- Turn four (4) years old by December 31, 2025

How do I apply for a seat in the program?

By June 4, 2025, parents/guardians must either:

- Submit an interest form via the district's [Preliminary Application survey](#)
- Or contact the District Registrar, Mimi Southard
 - Phone: (914) 472-7767
 - Email: msouthard@edgemont.org

How many seats are available?

A minimum of 16 and possibly as many as 21. If demand exceeds availability, a random lottery will be held in accordance with New York State Education Department (NYSED) requirements.

Where will the program take place?

At the YMCA Early Childhood Center, located at 148 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY.

What are the hours of the program?

The instructional program follows a full-day schedule, in compliance with NYSED Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) regulations, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Is there a cost to families?

No. The instructional program from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. is subsidized by the New York State Universal Pre-Kindergarten program and there is no cost to eligible families.

Is extended care available?

Yes. The YMCA can provide before- or after-care options at an additional expense to families.

Will transportation be provided?

No. Transportation is not provided. Families are responsible for arranging drop-off and pick-up at the YMCA site.

Who operates the program?

The YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester will manage daily operations of the program under an agreement with the Edgemont UFSD. The program will follow curriculum and quality standards approved by NYSED.

What curriculum will be used?

The YMCA's pre-kindergarten curriculum is aligned with New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards, fostering development in literacy, math, science, social-emotional learning, and physical activity. Curricular oversight will be managed through collaboration between YMCA leadership and the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in Edgemont.

Will instructors be certified teachers?

Yes. The classroom will be staffed by a NYS certified teacher and at least one, depending on the final class size, teaching assistant in compliance with NYSED regulations.

Does the YMCA have a playground/activity space?

Yes. The YMCA has both an outdoor playground and access to an enclosed interior gym space.

Will meals be provided?

No.

Does completing the Preliminary Application obligate a family to commit to a seat in the program if selected?

No. The purpose of the Preliminary Application is to gather a complete interest list. Those families submitting a response will be provided with additional information after the close of the survey on June 4th.

Will selected families be provided with an opportunity to tour the YMCA facilities before making a decision to enroll?

Yes.

What happens if my child is not selected in the lottery?

You will be notified promptly if your child is not selected. Families may be placed on a waitlist in the event that additional seats become available.