



## UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

### SEPTEMBER 2026 - JUNE 2027

I am a resident of the North Merrick School District and would like to register my child for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program.

**I understand that this program will be offered only if funded by the State Education Department.**

I understand that there are limited spaces available and that selection for the program is on a lottery basis. The number of available spaces is solely contingent on the finalization of funding for the district by the NYSED.

The UPK Program will follow the North Merrick School calendar.

As per NYSED, the program for the 2025-2026 school year ran 5 days a week, 5 hours a day. We anticipate the state maintaining this schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. We are awaiting verification of such.

I understand that if my child is selected through the lottery, I have no choice as to the location or time of the program my child will attend. Locations have not been finalized as of yet.

I understand that transportation will not be provided. Transportation will be the sole responsibility of the parents.

I understand that my child must turn 4 years of age by December 1, 2026 to be eligible to participate in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten lottery (birthdate between January 1, 2022 and December 1, 2022).

Online registration opens on February 6, 2026 at 9:00 AM. The application deadline is 3:00 p.m., Feb. 27, 2026.

Lottery will be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026, link will be posted on the North Merrick website by 8:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026.