Haldane Central School District
New Policy - Approved by Board of Education on November 4, 2025

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN LOTTERY POLICY

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) is a partially federally-funded program with limited seats. Students who reside within the Haldane Central School District and who will be turning age four (4) by December 1 of the year in which they enroll are eligible to submit a registration packet.

UPK placement is not on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the registration deadline of March 31, the District will conduct a random lottery if the number of registrations exceeds the number of seats in the program. The lottery will be conducted in the spring preceding the enrollment school year, and families will be notified accordingly. Students who are multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) will be entered in the lottery as a single entry.

The District will maintain a waitlist for students who are not selected during the initial lottery, and families will be notified of openings should they become available. If applications are received after the deadline, they will be added to the waitlist.

Participation in a pre-kindergarten program is optional and is not required for enrollment in kindergarten the following year. Students who receive services under the Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE) are eligible to register for the lottery and will receive applicable services while attending the UPK program.

The UPK program will follow the regular school calendar, Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The district does not provide transportation to or from the UPK program.