

Sayville Public Schools

Full-Day Universal Prekindergarten

REGISTRATION BY APPOINTMENT

January 26 — March 6, 2026

The Sayville School District is accepting applications for its 2026-2027 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. Students will be selected by lottery. Based on anticipated state funding, the district is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 UPK program.

Requirements

- Your child is required to be a resident of Sayville Schools.
- Your child must be turning four years old on or before December 1, 2026.
- Children who are enrolled must meet NYS health and immunization requirements.
- A commitment is required to the full program, which is 5 hours per day, 5 days per week for the duration of the program. Students are not permitted to attend a partial day.
- A completed registration must be on file for your child to be eligible for the UPK program.
- Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the program.

Timeline

- January 26, 2026 – March 6, 2026 - The registration/application process for the 2026-2027 program must be completed in order to participate in the lottery draw.
- March 18, 2026 - Lottery Draw at 12 pm. Families can view the lottery via livestream.

How to Apply

The District registration process begins by completing the paperwork listed on the District website, www.sayvilleschools.org. You will then set your appointment via the Google calendar link to hand in paperwork and receive your lottery number. UPK Registration begins January 26th and must be completed by March 6th 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 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 turning four years of age on or before December 1st 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 26th and must be completed by March 6th 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 18, 2026 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.

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 2026-2027 Program is ongoing. Once the program is filled, all applicants will be added to the program waitlist throughout the remainder of the 2026-2027 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.

