

Waterford-Halfmoon UFSD

Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program



2021-22

Background

In 2021-22, the NYS Legislature leveraged Federal aid to provide additional aid to school districts for the purposes of starting full-day, four-year-old universal prekindergarten (UPK) programs across the State. Waterford-Halfmoon was allocated \$136,320 of aid for this purpose. The District intends to take advantage of this infusion of aid to start one UPK classroom in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Additionally, the District foresees receiving State aid in future years based on program enrollment and therefore anticipates the continuation of this program into the future.

Quick Facts

- The program will begin with the start of the regular 2021-22 school year.
- The program will be fully Federally funded in 2021-22.
- 20 students will be accepted into the program.
- To be eligible, a child must turn four on or before December 1st, 2021 and must be a District resident.
- A lottery will be used to select the 20 students allowed to enter the program.
- The last day to register your child for the lottery is July 9th 2021.
- The lottery drawing will occur at 9:00 AM on July 12th 2021.
- The program will operate from an existing classroom in the Elementary School.
- The District will offer transportation to participating students/families.
- The program will operate from 8:30AM–2:30PM.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the program, your child must turn four years old by December 1st, 2021 and must be a District resident.

How to Participate

The UPK class size will be limited to 20 students. If the District is notified of interest for more than 20 students a random lottery will be used to select the students who are ultimately registered and enrolled in the program. To participate, you must complete the lottery registration form which can be obtained by emailing UPK@whufsd.org or calling 518-237-0800 x 3501.

Lottery registrations must be received by 5:00 PM on July 9, 2021.

The lottery drawing will occur at 9:00 AM on July 12th. Families of selected students will be notified by mail, no later than Friday, July 16th. Once selected, families will be required to verify residency.

Classroom

The District will utilize existing space in the elementary school to house this classroom. The classroom will have:

- 20 pupils
- 1 teachers
- 2 teacher's aides

Transportation

- The District will utilize existing bus routes to transport our UPK students.
- UPK students will ride the bus with students in grades K-1.
- A bus monitor will be assigned to ride buses transporting UPK students.
- Any child under the age of four between the start of school and 12/01/21 will be required to ride the bus in a car seat until their fourth birthday.

Curriculum

- ❑ Approaches to Learning
- ❑ Physical Development & Health
- ❑ Social and Emotional Learning
- ❑ Communication Language and Literacy
- ❑ Cognition & Knowledge of the World:
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - The Arts
 - Technology, Computer Science & Digital Literacy

More Information:

You may watch a video on our program, hosted by our Mr. Siracuse, Elementary School Principal. Please visit the District website for more information.

The District will also be hosting a virtual information session on June 23rd, 2021 at 6:30 PM which may be accessed by visiting the link posted on the District website.