

Universal Pre-K Commonly Asked Questions

Who is eligible for UPK?

UPK is a full day program opened to children residing in the Cheektowaga Central school district who are three or four years of age on or before December 1st of the current school year. A random lottery is required to determine participation in the program. The UPK program will follow the same curriculum implementing the Pre-K Common Core Standards taught by NYS certified teachers and follows the Cheektowaga Central school calendar.

Who administers the UPK Program?

Mrs. Maureen George, Director of Learning, administers the program. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Audra Cyrulik, UPK Registrar at 686-3616 or email acyrulik@ccsd-k12.org.

What are the locations and hours of operation?

The three year old program will be housed at Little Angels Day Care Center located at 2645 Harlem Rd. (near Town Park). Hours of operation is Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The four year old program will be housed at four district locations, Union East Elementary School, 3600 Union Rd., Mary Queen of Angels School, 170 Rosewood Terrace, Little Angels Day Care Center, 2645 Harlem Rd., and Watch Me Grow Day Care Center, 2550 Union Rd. The hours of operation for all the locations are approximately 9:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. with the exception of Little Angels. The hours for Little Angels Day Care Center are 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

If I fill out a lottery application, will I be guaranteed a spot for my child?

Student placement will be determined through the use of a random lottery system held in late April as required by the NYS Education Department. The district does not have a first-come, first-served base 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.

How will I be notified that my child was selected for the program?

The District will mail acceptance letters to all families who are selected for the program. Once you receive your letter, you will need to pick up a registration packet in the Registration Office located in the administrative wing of the High School building. At that time you can make an appointment with Mrs. Audra Cyrulik to finish the registration process. Registration is done by appointment only.

Do I get to pick the site I want for my child?

The site is determined by your number in the lottery. Those families with a low number in the lottery will have the best chance to pick their site. We will try to give parents/guardians their first choice, but, this is not always possible.

Is transportation provided for my child?

Busing is provided for all children accepted into the program who are 3 years of age at the beginning of the school year (September). Children who are not 3 years old at the start of the school year may still participate in the program, but must be transported by their parents until his/her 3rd birthday. (This is a NYS Education Regulation).