

GREECE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2022-23 Pre-Kindergarten Information and Application



*Building the Foundation  
for Life-Long Learning*

# Educating the Whole Child

**We believe that quality early learning experiences are essential for equitable outcomes and to support ALL students in reaching their full potential. We believe that children's success in achieving the State's learning standards begins during the early years.**

Greece Central School District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten program is an opportunity for our youngest learners to begin to form their identity as learners. The Greece Central School District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program is a research-based program developed to be responsive to New York State's expectations and learning standards for pre-kindergarten children.

We know that children are active learners who learn through play, exploration, and their relationships with adults and peers. All classrooms provide a safe and healthy environment as the foundation for children as they learn and grow. As a result, children learn to think critically, are motivated to solve problems and think creatively, and can work independently and interact with others in positive ways.

If your child is accepted into the half-day or full-day UPK Program, his or her school day will include both whole and small group learning, as well as opportunities to work independently with adult guidance. Student choice is built into many parts of the Pre-K day, which helps children learn to make choices and develop their own interests and skills.

Our UPK programs are offered at the Greece Community Early Learning Center (the current West Ridge Elementary School) and Autumn Lane Elementary School. Our external UPK partners at Care-A-Lot North, Care-A-Lot South, Doodle Bugs!, Expressive Beginnings Child Care Center, and Park Ridge Child Care Center also offer before and after school care for those needing all-day childcare. Families are responsible for making their own wrap care arrangements.



## Pre-K Application Guidelines

- Pre-Kindergarten is offered yearly, pending state funding and a successful school budget vote.
- In order to participate in the Greece Central School District Pre-Kindergarten program your home address must be within the district's attendance boundaries.
- Children who will be 4-years-old on or before December 1, 2022 can apply for Greece Central's pre-kindergarten program. Children who will be 5-years-old on or before December 1, 2022 are eligible for kindergarten. Do not complete this application if your child is eligible for kindergarten or too young for pre-kindergarten.
- Placement in pre-kindergarten is on a space available basis, and because there are a limited number of spots, it is possible not all children will be placed. If needed, a district lottery will be held for available spots. We recommend that you maintain your child's private pre-school enrollment, if you have already made those arrangements, at least until you find out if your child is selected to attend a District pre-kindergarten program.
- In order to be considered, you **must fill out the application on the next page by March 1, 2022.**

*Drop off or mail the completed application to:*

Office of Registration  
Greece Central School District  
750 Maiden Lane  
Rochester, NY 14615

Or fax the completed registration form to  
581-8210

Applications will be accepted after the deadline and students will be placed in available spots or on a waiting list in the order applications are received.

- Based on a space available basis, your child may be accepted into an a.m., p.m. or full-day session at one of our Pre-K sites or one of our off-site providers. Children must have consistent attendance to remain in the program and parents have to comply with all pre-kindergarten policies.

**Please call 966-2472  
with questions about this application.**

# 2022-23 PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION — DUE MARCH 1, 2022

## CHILD'S INFORMATION

- Male  
 Female

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS (If different from child's address) \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS (If different from child's address) \_\_\_\_\_  
BUSINESS TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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PREFERRED ADDRESS/CHILD CARE FACILITY \_\_\_\_\_

- A.M.  P.M. or  Full-day (you can select more than one)  
*We will do our best to accommodate your request, but there are no guarantees.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Please list your child's educational experience(s) including pre-school, day care, summer programs, and other relevant experiences.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your child's strengths.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your child's self-help skills (e.g., toileting themselves, feeding themselves, dressing themselves, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What languages are spoken in your home? What language does your child speak most?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has your child received any pre-school special education services? .....  yes  no

Has your child's physical, medical, or social development ever been screened or evaluated? .....  yes  no

Please describe your child's needs (speech, hearing, vision, behavior, social, medical, physical, etc.).

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list any allergies and/or medical concerns your child has, and any medications your child is taking.

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## SIBLING INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/GRADE LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

I                     PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME                     understand that by applying to enroll my child in a Greece Central School District pre-kindergarten program I agree to follow all of the guidelines and policies outlined in this brochure and application, including adhering to the daily attendance policy. I also understand that my child may be placed on a districtwide waiting list and I will be contacted as soon as a vacancy becomes available.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed application must be returned by March 1, 2022.**

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P.O. Box 300  
North Greece, NY 14515-0300

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# Questions and Answers

**Q: What is the Pre-Kindergarten student/teacher ratio?**

**A:** Each Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) classroom adheres to the New York State regulations of one adult for no more than nine students. Most of our UPK classes have 18 students to one certified teacher and one certified teaching assistant.

**Q: Does the district provide transportation?**

**A:** No. Transportation must be provided to and from the program by a parent or caregiver.

**Q: Do I choose which school my child will attend?**

**A:** No. Placement is determined by the information provided in your application and available spaces.

**Q: What happens if we move during the school year?**

**A:** If your family moves to a different attendance area in the Greece Central School District while your child is enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten, you can choose to remain. However, if you move out of the Greece Central School District boundaries, you would have to leave the program.

**Q: How long is the Pre-Kindergarten school day?**

**A:** Half-day sessions are held in the morning and afternoon and last 2 1/2 hours. Breakfast or lunch are available. Classes are held five days a week in accordance with the school calendar. Regular and prompt attendance is expected to remain in the program.

**Q: Do I get to choose whether my child attends morning or afternoon sessions?**

**A:** No. Space in our Pre-Kindergarten classes is limited and children are assigned to sessions. You can note a time preference on the application, and we will try to accommodate your request, but we cannot guarantee we will be able to.

**Q: When will I be notified if my child has been accepted?**

**A:** Letters will be mailed to all applicants in the beginning of April informing you of your child's acceptance, or informing you of their placement on a waiting list. If accepted, you will then be asked to complete the registration process.

**Q: Who can I call with other questions?**

**A:** You can call 966-2472.