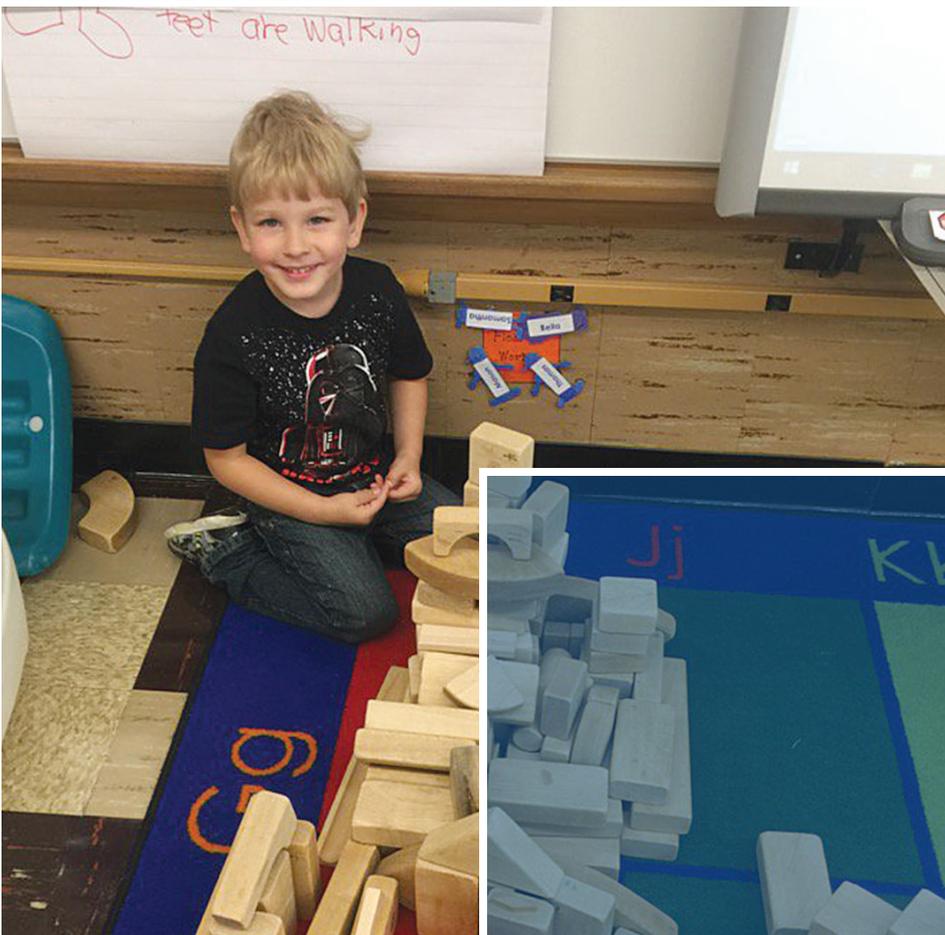


2020-21 Pre-Kindergarten Information and Application



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 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.

This upcoming school year is the beginning of the transition to the Early Learning Center (at the current West Ridge School). Eventually, all of our school site UPKs will be at the Early Learning Center (ELC). Each year the ELC will add additional UPKs until full implementation in the 2022-2023 school year. We will still be maintaining UPK programs at off-site locations.



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, 2020 can apply for Greece Central's pre-kindergarten program. Children who will be 5-years-old on or before December 1, 2020 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 February 28, 2020.**

Drop off or mail the completed application to:

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

Or fax the completed registration form to
581-8205

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. or p.m. 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 966-2473
with questions about this application.**

2020-21 PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION — DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME

EMPLOYER

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS *(If different from child's address)*

BUSINESS TELEPHONE

When making pre-kindergarten placements, we consider your home attendance boundary. Although there are no guarantees, if you would like us to consider a different address or child care facility, within the Greece Central School District, due to before and after-school child care arrangements, please identify it below. Greece Central School District runs a wrap-care program for pre-kindergarten children at West Ridge Elementary School. Additionally, our UPK partners at Care-a-lot Child Care, Doodle Bugs Children's Learning Academy, Expressive Beginnings Childcare, and Park Ridge Child Care Center also have before and after-school care. Please note, families will need to make their own wrap-care arrangements.

PREFERRED ADDRESS/CHILD CARE FACILITY

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

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

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.).

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

SIBLING INFORMATION

NAME BIRTH DATE

SCHOOL/GRADE LEVEL

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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

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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 at your current Pre-Kindergarten site or have your child placed on a waiting list for the next available space at a location closer to your new attendance area. 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 966-2473.