

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) 3 Year Old Policy - Adirondack Central School District

Eligibility:

- A. Must be a legal resident of the Adirondack Central School District and must reside with parents or guardians within the school district.
- B. Children who are three (3) years of age on or before December 1st are eligible for the 3-year old program.
- C. Children who are beyond the age of a particular classroom will be allowed an open spot, only if one remains, after September 1st.
- D. Three-Year Old UPK:
Applications are due by May 1st. As long as there are enough spots available, all applicants will be accepted. If there are more applicants than spots, a lottery will be held, with a waiting list based on the order drawn. If there are openings in the opposite building, those 3-year olds on a waiting list will be offered the openings in the other building, but parents will be responsible to provide the transportation to the other school.
- E. Applications that come in after May 1st will be added to the waiting list, or given an open spot if one is available, on a first come first served basis.
- F. Anticipated UPK Structure:
Boonville Elementary - two *full-day* 4-year old classes and one *full-day* 3-year old class
West Leyden Elementary - one *full-day* 4-year old class (may include 3-year olds if there are open spots as of May 1st)

Per NYS regulations, UPK Classrooms can have 18 students, with a teacher and an aide. The district's position is to give priority to 4-year old participation. Also, based on numbers of UPK applicants and/or district finances, the structure may be changed by the district and Board of Education.

The district's policy is that students under age 4 cannot ride on the district buses, and parents are responsible for the transportation of students to and from school (under age 4).

To complete an application, contact the District Office (315)942-9200 ext. 1800. Ensure applications are complete to maintain spots and to ensure consideration.