

Island Park UFSD

REVISIONS TO 3101.0 – REGULATION

3101.0 - Pre-Kindergarten

The Board of Education recognizes the value of a pre-kindergarten educational experience for the district's children. As a result, the district will conduct a full-day, Statewide Universal Pre-kindergarten Program, as long as it receives funding for this purpose and it continues to be self-sustaining. Students will attend the SUPK Program from 8:50 AM until 2:10 PM, Monday through Friday. The school year will coincide with the district's school calendar, which runs a minimum 180 days per year.

Selection and Enrollment: Resident children who are four years of age, or will turn 4 on or before December 1, are eligible to participate. Pre-Kindergarten Registration occurs during the week before February Winter Break as announced in the school calendar, district newsletter, district website, and other local publications. The district will make every effort through child-find activities (communications with local agencies, local pre-schools, announcements on district website, bulk mailings to the community, etc) conducted by its Director of Pupil Personnel Services and two social workers to make all parents aware of the UPK registration dates to ensure that eligible low socio-economic children, English Language Learners, and/or children with special needs requiring services and/or accommodations specified by the Committee of Pre-School Education (CPSE) register on the first day of the registration period. In this way, registration will not favor those district residents who are the most well-informed, well-connected or proactive.

On the date of the UPK Registration, if the number of completed registration materials submitted to the district does not exceed the district's capacity for the program of sixty (60) students, all students who submitted a complete registration package will be enrolled in the SUPK Program. On the date of the UPK Registration, if the number of completed registration materials submitted to the district exceeds the district's capacity for the program, the district will conduct a random drawing at the next public Business Meeting or Special Meeting of the Board of Education for all students who have submitted complete registration materials. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the child(ren) randomly selected will be notified of acceptance. Those students who were not selected will be added to a waiting list in the order selected.

The above rules apply for families with twins or triplets. That is, each child will be entered as an individual student and the selection of one twin or triplet will have no effect on the selection number of any other siblings. For example, if one twin is selected through random selection for the last place and one is placed on the waiting list, it is up to the parent(s)/guardian(s) to decide if the child randomly selected for admission will or won't attend.

If after the date of the UPK Registration there are spots available in the SUPK Program, eligible students will be enrolled using the random selection process noted above at the next Board of Education meeting. If an eligible student submits a completed registration package and there is no available spot, he or she will be added to the end of the waiting list.

If a child leaves the program during the school year, the first student on the waitlist will be offered the spot in the SUPK Program. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of the child(ren) randomly selected will be notified of acceptance.

All UPK application materials are available on the district website www.ips.k12.ny.us. They must be completed and submitted by the parent/guardian at the time of registration and for waitlist consideration. They include:

- Registration Form
- Student Health Questionnaire
- Health Appraisal Form
- Immunization Records
- Proofs of Residency
- Child's Birth Certificate