Pine Bush Central School District
Universal Pre-Kindergarten
Frequently Asked Questions

Are there any class size limits for UPK?
The maximum UPK class size is 18 students. Each classroom includes one certified teacher and one teaching assistant.

Does the UPK schedule include nap time?
No; however, the daily schedule includes rest time.

Does my child need to be potty trained to attend the UPK program?
No, though it is strongly suggested that if you have not already started to potty train your child, that you do so prior to the start of the school year.

Is the UPK program full day?
The program is 6 hours per day, Monday through Friday, for 180 days (as per the district calendar). If you choose to register your child for the program, you will be expected to follow the district's attendance policy.

What days are the children off from school?
The UPK program follows the Pine Bush Central School District calendar.

Does the district offer before or after school childcare for UPK students?
No.

What activities are included in a typical day?
On a daily basis, UPK students will participate in academic instruction, indoor play, outdoor recess when weather permits, specials (i.e. physical education, music, library, etc.), and rest time.

What if my child has a severe allergy or other serious medical condition?
A NYS School Health Examination form is required as part of the UPK enrollment process. This form is reviewed by school district personnel. Any serious medical conditions must be reported to the district.

What are the immunization requirements?
The district follows the New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance. Information regarding specific immunization requirements for Pre-Kindergarten can be found here.

Is transportation provided?
Parents may request transportation through the district by completing the transportation request form included in the district's registration packet. Parents may also transport their child to and from school each day. Children who are 3 years old at the start of the school year will be transported in car seats until they turn 4.

Are breakfast and lunch provided in the program?
Families will be provided an option to purchase both breakfast and lunch from the district for their child. Breakfast and lunch are served in the classroom.

My child has an Individualized Education Plan through the Committee on Preschool Special Education. Can he/she attend the UPK program?
Our UPK program accommodates students with Individualized Education Plans; however, if your child has been recommended for a special education program with a smaller class size (i.e. 8 students or 12 students), this means that the CPSE has determined that your child needs a more supportive classroom than what our UPK program can provide. Please contact our CPSE Chairperson, Katie Hennessey, at 845-744-2031 ext 4800, if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's needs and his/her ability to participate in our program.