

Mount Sinai UFSD
Universal PreKindergarten Program
2024-2025 School Year

Pending funding from NY State, Federal sources and the Mt Sinai School budget, the District is planning to offer a full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program will provide an educationally based, high-quality Pre-school program to 4-year old children residing in the district.

- All UPK classes will be held in the Mount Sinai Elementary School and coordinated with SCOPE.
- The classes will be taught by New York State certified teachers
- The program will follow the Mount Sinai school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.
- This is a Full-Day Program. Students will attend 5 hours per day, 5 days per week.
- The number of seats in the program is dependent upon final NYS grant allocations following approval of the NY State budget and the Mount Sinai budget.
- If registration exceeds the available number of seats, students will be selected by lottery.
- Based on anticipated state funding, the district is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 UPK Program.

Please keep in mind that while the district would like to accommodate all requests, it may not be possible. The total number of students selected in any given year is predicated upon the availability of the New York State and federal funding.

UPK Program Requirements

- The program is open to children residing in the Mount Sinai School District. You are required to show proof of residence in Mount Sinai at the time of registration.
- **The student must be 4-years old ON or before December 1, 2024**
- A completed registration form must be on file for your child to be eligible for the UPK Program.
- Children who are enrolled must meet NYS health and immunization requirements.
- A commitment is required to the full-day program, which is 5 hours per day, 5 days per week for the duration of the program.
- A child who is age-eligible to attend Kindergarten is NOT eligible for the UPK Program.

Transportation

Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the program. There is NO before School or after School child care.

Lunch

Lunch will be available for purchase or you may choose to have your child bring lunch from home.

If you require an application for Free or Reduced cost Lunch you may obtain the application through the District Office.

What is the First Step? ---- REGISTRATION

Registration will take place from April 15, 2024 through May 10, 2024

Registration will end promptly at 3 PM on May10, 2024

- Register your child in the District. Even if you have other children attending the District, you must complete a separate registration for your Preschool aged child.
- Registration Packets should be dropped off at the Elementary School Mail Office.
- At the time of registration you will be provided a random number which will be utilized should the lottery be necessary.

TO REGISTER GO TO www.mtsinai.k12.ny.us

Click on “Our District” >Registration >UPK Registration

Print all forms one-sided, complete and return to the Elementary School Main Office

Lottery Information 2024-2025

If registration exceeds the number of seats, a random lottery will be held to determine placement into the UPK Program. The lottery will be held on **May 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM** and will be live-streamed for families to view.

Once the available seats in the classes are filled, the lottery will continue so a waitlist can be established. Should a student withdraw from the program at anytime, the next student on the waitlist will be offered a seat.