



**2022-2023**

**Medina Central School District  
Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program**

Thank you for your interest in the Medina Central School District's Universal Pre-K Program. We are excited to offer full day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) to Medina students starting in the 2022-2023 school year.

**Applications for district children, who will be 4 years old by 12/01/22, are due by  
Monday, April 4, 2022.**

For information, call 798-2700 3,0 or visit the school website at [www.medinacsd.org](http://www.medinacsd.org).

**To apply:**

Please complete the short Pre-K application, available by calling the Oak Orchard Main Office or print and return the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/medinaupk>, no later than Monday 4/4/2022.

You will be notified of your child's acceptance in the program by early May. Late registrations may not be accepted in the program, due to spacing limitations.

**Once accepted:**

Register your child for school at the District Office. You must complete the following items by August 1, 2022 or your child may lose his/her spot in the program.

- Student Registration Packet (available at Oak Orchard Primary or the District Office)
- Transportation Request (included with registration packet)
- Health and Emergency Information (included with registration packet)
- Original birth certificate (we will make a copy)
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement)
- Health Physical and Immunizations (please contact your health care provider and have them fax this to us at 585-798-2352.)
- Dental exam (recommended)
- Any Applicable Legal Documents such as custody papers.

**Screening:**

All students accepted into the program will participate in a screening process to help our teachers identify skills students are entering into the program with. Information on screening dates to be shared in the student acceptance packet.

## ***OUR PROGRAM***

The Universal Pre-K Program is in session Monday through Friday. Days of attendance will follow the district calendar and regular school hours of 7:35 AM - 2:30 PM. There will be one licensed teacher and one classroom aide in each classroom. The Committee on Preschool Special Education will determine and make any arrangements for meeting any identified needs.

## ***OUR CURRICULUM***

Activities in the program will be centered around play and early childhood development; providing the opportunity for active and quiet experiences, exploration of learning centers and to encourage the development of independent and cooperative learning.

The curriculum is based on the NYS learning standards for Pre-K which can be found by visiting:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning/documents/new-york-state-prekindergarten-learning-standards.pdf>

## ***OUR PHILOSOPHY***

We believe that children actively construct their understanding of the world through continuous interaction with their environments. The teacher will work cooperatively to foster the development of the child while respecting the dignity, the rights, and the values of the home. The early childhood environment should provide opportunities for experimentation, exploration, discovery, challenge and interaction. An appropriate atmosphere of understanding, concern, and compassion should surround the young child in their first school experience. Our Pre-K program helps students get started on the right path to success.

Our program is modeled after the guidelines set forth by New York State here:

<http://www.nysed.gov/video/look-quality-prekindergarten-learning-environments>

## ***MEALS***

Children will be provided both breakfast and lunch, at no cost. Meals will be served in the cafeteria, with the support of the teaching staff from the classroom. Children will learn self-help skills. This will be a time of socialization, learning about nutrition and practicing table manners.

## ***ENROLLMENT***

There are a limited number of slots available in Pre-K. If more applications are received by the closing date than slots available, a lottery will be held.

## ***TRANSPORTATION***

Busing will be provided with pick-up at the designated bus stop. Drop-off will be at the student's home and/or daycare/sitter.

If your child will be picked up or dropped off at any location other than your home, you must submit the Daycare/Transportation Request Form to Medina Transportation Department. If you have specific bus concerns, please call 798-0351.

## ***ATTENDANCE***

Attending school is essential to student success. Irregular attendance and tardiness creates confusion for your child. Most importantly, your child will miss an opportunity to learn.