



Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we begin the process of filling our Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes for next year, we're reaching out to elementary families with details on registration. If you have friends or neighbors with similarly-aged children, please feel free to share the following details with them as well.

The Glens Falls City School District has a vibrant academic program for our youngest students, designed to foster a love of learning that carries them all the way to graduation and beyond. We welcome new families into this educational journey, and look forward to partnering with parents to help our children succeed.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten lottery

If your son or daughter is a resident in the Glens Falls City School district and will be four-years-old by December 1, 2018, he or she is eligible to enter the **Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK)** lottery. This free, half-day, full-year program is focused on teaching the fundamentals of literacy and beginning math—all in a creative and stimulating environment, and taught by highly qualified and caring educators.

Glens Falls City Schools will be continuing the UPK program next year, pending the approval of funding by New York State. Transportation to and from the program is the parents' responsibility. The program will be held at Jackson Heights Elementary school. Parents should indicate their preference for the morning or afternoon session when registering.

Entry into the UPK class is determined by lottery each spring. On the district website, www.gfsd.org, parents and guardians can find the registration form, health office requirements, and other paperwork to enter the lottery for UPK. All application forms are also available in the main offices at each school building. **These completed forms, along with proof of residency, an immunization record, and the child's birth certificate, should be submitted to the District Office (15 Quade Street) by April 12, 2018.** Families will be notified of the lottery results on or before May 10, 2018.

The required immunizations for new Pre-Kindergarten students are:

- ❖ **4 doses DTP**
- ❖ **3 doses Polio**
- ❖ **3 doses Hep B**
- ❖ **1 dose MMR**
- ❖ **1 dose Varicella**
- ❖ **1 to 4 doses Haemophilus Influenzas type B (Hib), age appropriate**
- ❖ **1 to 4 doses Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine, age appropriate**

Each of these immunizations may be administered by a family physician or through a public health clinic. For public health information, families can call the Warren County Public Health department at 761-6580. Clinics will issue a card for immunizations given. Private physicians will issue a certificate for immunizations given. **In order for your child to enter school in September, the district must have a signed immunization certificate from your doctor or the clinic.**

A pre-school physical examination by you family physician is also required, and the report should be brought in at registration or before school starts in September. **The physical exam report is due no later than opening day in September.**

Questions can be directed to Trent Clay, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at 518-792-0107.