



## Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program

### General Program Information

- The South Huntington Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program is funded by New York State and is free to all age-eligible residents (four years old on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - ◆ UPK is offered five days per week and a minimum of 180 days per year.
  - ◆ UPK is a voluntary program, families can choose, but are not required to enroll.
  - ◆ A child who is age-eligible to attend kindergarten is not eligible for UPK enrollment.
- As of September 2019, the South Huntington Intervention Program (SHIP) classes were moved to Oakwood Primary Center. The UPK classes operated through the Family Service League are located at the James Kaden Administrative Offices (JKAO).
  - ◆ Both locations have classes scheduled for morning and afternoon sessions (2.5 hours per day).
    - Oakwood Primary Center (SHIP)
      - AM classes: 9:00 am – 11:30 am
      - PM classes: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
    - JKAO (Family Service League)
      - AM classes: 8:45 am – 11:15 am
      - PM classes: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
  - ◆ Transportation is not provided for students. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for drop off and pick up.

### Application and Enrollment Process

- The UPK application will be made available through Google Forms. The link for the application will be posted on the district website in late March/early April.
- Parents will have an opportunity to select their preferred location and session time on the application.

- ◆ Please note submission of an application does not guarantee program enrollment or preferred location/session.
- After the application period is complete, parents will be notified via letter of their acceptance into the program. Parents must accept the seat before completing the registration process through the online registration (OLR) system.
  - ◆ A lottery will be held if the requests exceed the number of seats available. All eligible preschoolers that submitted an application will be placed in the lottery. The lottery drawing will be done by location, i.e. Oakwood Primary Center or JKAO.
- Students placed in SHIP by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) are not a part of the lottery process. However, CPSE students must register through the online portal for the program.

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