



Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program

Program Fact Sheet

- ✓ The South Huntington Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Program is grant funded by the New York State Education Department and is free to age-eligible residents (four years old on or before December 1st).
 - Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) may choose to enroll their child in a UPK program.
 - UPK is offered five days per week and a minimum of 180 days per year
 - A child who is age-eligible to attend kindergarten is not eligible for UPK enrollment.
- ✓ South Huntington collaborates with SCOPE Education Services to coordinate preschool classes within the District. Classes that are coordinated by SCOPE are noted next to the location.
 - Half Day classes meet for 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week.
 - South Huntington Intervention Preschool (SHIP) operated by the District is located at Oakwood Primary Center.
 - SHIP is an integrated preschool program serving preschoolers with special needs and general education students. There is a total of 12 UPK eligible seats; 6 seats per session.
 - Class Schedule (2.5 hours per day)
 - AM classes: 9:00 am – 11:30 am (6 seats preschool seats)
 - PM classes: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm (6 preschool seats)
 - Full Day classes meet for 5 hours per day, 5 days per week
 - Oakwood Primary School location operated by the District
 - Class Schedule (5 hours per day – 8:45 am – 1:45 pm)
 - 18 preschool seats
 - Birchwood Intermediate School location operated by SCOPE
 - Class Schedule (5 hours per day – 9:30 am – 2:30 pm)
 - 18 preschool seats
 - James Kaden Admin. Office (JKAO) location operated by SCOPE
 - Class Schedule (5 hours per day – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm)

- 36 preschool seats
- **Maplewood Intermediate School location operated by SCOPE**
 - Class Schedule (5 hours per day – 9:30 am – 2:30 pm)
 - 18 preschool seats
- **Silas Wood 6th Grade Center operated by SCOPE**
 - Class Schedule (5 hours per day – 8:45 am – 1:45 pm)
 - 36 preschool seats

Additional Program Information:

- ✓ Lunch is available at a cost for full day students only. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must pay for lunch through the District's Food Nutrition department. Snacks are provided for full day students at all locations.
- ✓ Transportation is not provided for students. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for drop off and pick up.
- ✓ Parents interested in applying for a half day or full day seat must apply during the application period before starting the registration process.
- ✓ A lottery will be held after the application period has ended. All eligible preschoolers registered will be placed in the lottery based on submitted applications.
- ✓ Students placed in SHIP by the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) are not a part of the UPK lottery process because placement is determined by their IEP, i.e. integrated preschool program. However, CPSE students must register for the program.