

Township of Union Public Schools
Preschool Department
Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Preschool Families,

Please see below the answers to some of the questions you may have about the preschool program for the upcoming school year 2021-2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Preschool Department at (908)-851-6557.

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Registration Process

Q: How do I register my child?

A: Preschool registration is a three step process.

Step 1- Pre-registration is required. Registration requirements(documents) must be uploaded. (refer to the [Preschool Registration Information SY 21-22](#))

Step 2- Starting on February 16, 2021 at 8:00am access the Google Registration Form for your district school located on the preschool website.

Step 3: A preschool department staff member will contact you to process your documents.

*Please note that spaces are limited. Children are placed on a first come, first served basis so be sure to complete all steps in its entirety.

Q: What are the requirements to register my child?

A: This school year (2021-2022) we will be accepting children 3 or 4 years of age. Families must reside in Union and provide multiple proofs of residency. Families are required to submit both a physical and an immunization record.

Q: If my child attends another school within the district instead of their homeschool for preschool, what happens for kindergarten?

A: If your child is placed at another school within the district for preschool, they will be transferred to their homeschool for kindergarten.

Q: What schools will have 3-year old classrooms?

A: Three old preschool classrooms will not be in the district's elementary schools. Three year old classrooms will be at an approved off-site location within the Township of Union.

Q: Will these classrooms be district classrooms?

A: Yes. The three old classrooms, although not within the elementary schools will be operated and managed by the district. Provider sites must follow and meet state guidelines.

Preschool Program

Q: Is the program full day?

A: Yes, we offer full day preschool.

Q: What will arrival and dismissal times be?

A: The arrival and dismissal times are 8:45 and 3:05.

Q: Is transportation available for preschool students?

A: Transportation is available for students that live 2 or more miles from the assigned school.

Q: Do children take naps?

A: Yes, children take a one hour nap daily. Cots are provided but children must be sent in with bedding items weekly (crib sheet, blanket & small pillow).

Q: What curriculum does the preschool program utilize?

A: The preschool program curriculum is aligned to New Jersey Teaching and Learning Standards. The program utilizes a research-based program *The Creative Curriculum* that supports the development of the whole child through the use of content-rich, developmentally appropriate practices.

Q: How are preschool students assessed?

A: Preschool students are assessed through an ongoing process of documenting evidence of learning in order to make student centered and data driven instructional decisions. Evidence is in the form of anecdotal notes and children work samples. The Creative Curriculum is used in conjunction with Teaching Strategies GOLD. Teaching Strategies GOLD is embedded in everyday instruction and interactions with children.

Q: Do preschool students receive a report card?

A: No, preschool students do not receive a report card on the same schedule as the district. Students receive a progress report three times throughout the school year that is aligned to the documentation checkpoints within GOLD. Families receive this information in December, March, and June.

