



2026-2027 Pre-K Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The Plainedge Pre-Kindergarten Program is a free full day program for students, funded by a grant from New York State. Continuation of the program each year is fully dependent on funding from the Federal Government and/or New York State and space availability.

1. Who is eligible?

Students who will reach the age of 4 by December 1 of the year of enrollment in the program, and who are residents of Plainedge School District, are eligible to apply.

2. What is the application process?

Applications are available, beginning on December 1, 2025 on the district website and will end on December 12, 2025.

3. What is the selection process?

Selection for this program, which is limited due to funding, is done by a lottery. Random selection is required by New York State. Only those who submit a completed registration with all required documentation will be placed in the lottery. Once the maximum capacity has been reached, each subsequent name pulled is put on a waiting list, in order of their draw from the lottery. Parents are notified by email of the results of the lottery once the names have been selected by a committee.

4. Is the program accredited through New York State?

Plainedge Pre-K Program has a partnership with St. Joseph's University, which has an accredited pre-kindergarten program.

5. Is transportation provided?

Parents are required to provide transportation for their children for the Pre-K program.

6. How many hours a day will the program run?

This is a full-day program that will run 5 days a week from 8:10AM-2:40PM. It will follow the Plainedge School District calendar.

7. How much will this program cost?

There is NO fee for this program.

8. Will the program be located at my elementary school?

The Pre-K program will run at Eastplain and Charles E. Schwarting Elementary Schools, as well as Plainedge Middle School, depending on space availability / enrollment.

9. How can I apply for the Pre-Kindergarten program?

You may apply for the program by completing the [PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION](#) online

Please note that submitting the application does not guarantee a place in the program.

- ☐ You must submit proof of residency and a copy of birth certificate to be eligible for this program.
- ☐ Selection is done by lottery.
- ☐ Those selected will be notified by email.

10. When is the deadline for the Pre-K application?

December 12, 2025

11. Is before and/or after school care available for students in the program?

No, since the start and end times will be different from the school hours for K-6.