



## **2026-2027 Pre-K Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

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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.