

HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Herricks Community Center 999-B Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM – FULL DAY 2024-2025

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF FOUR YEAR OLD CHILDREN

Herricks Public School District residents who have a child who will be **four years of age on or before December 1, 2024** may apply for their child's admission to the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK) for the 2024-2025 school year. The program is a free full-day program, from 8:45 a.m. -2:45 p.m. located at Harbor Child Care, under a contract with the Herricks district and funded by a New York State Grant. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be provided. Transportation **WILL NOT** be provided for this program.

THE PROGRAM HAS LIMITED SPACE AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED BY LOTTERY.
A WAITING LIST WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO FILL ANY VACANCIES THAT MAY ARISE AFTER THE LOTTERY PROCESS.

If you are interested, please fill out the application below. **This application, a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of home ownership or rental (Lease OR Deed), AND three additional copies of proof of residency*, must be received no later than February 9, 2024.**

***Proof of home residency include: (must provide 3)**

- ✓ Driver's license **PLUS** auto insurance card
- ✓ One utility bill
- ✓ Recent cancelled check with pre-printed address
- ✓ Recent pay stub with address

Please mail the application and the required documents to:

Ms. K. Elizabeth Guercin, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Herricks Public Schools
999 B Herricks Road, Room 213
New Hyde Park, New York 11040

Those selected in the lottery process will be notified by email. This program is fully funded by a New York State Department of Education grant. All placements in the program are entirely contingent upon the re-authorization of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten grant.

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UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PLACE IN THE PROGRAM.

Submit the application below **WITH** the required documentation.

Name of Child:		
Name of Parent/Guardian:		
Child's Date of Birth:		
Residence of Child:		
Telephone Number:	Cell Phone Number:	
E-mail:	District Elementary Home School:	
Other Children Currently Enrolled in Herricks Public Schools:		
Name:	School:	Grade
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1. Is the student currently living in permanent housing? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If you answered "Yes" please mail the application and the required documents.

If you answered "No" please complete Question 2 and mail the application.

2. If the student is not currently living in permanent housing, where is the student currently living?

- ☐ In a shelter
- ☐ With another family or other person on a temporary basis because of an involuntary loss of housing or as a result of economic hardship
- ☐ In a hotel/motel
- ☐ In a car, park, bus, train or campsite
- ☐ Other temporary living situation (Please describe): _____

Please be advised that if the student is living in temporary housing, the District may conduct a home visit if it so chooses. However, please also be advised that the District cannot contact a landlord or building superintendent to verify a student's housing status.

The answer you give above will help the district determine what services you or your child may be able to receive under the McKinney-Vento Act. Students who are protected under the McKinney-Vento Act are entitled to immediate enrollment in UPK even if they do not have the documents normally needed, such as proof of residency, school records, immunization records, or birth certificates. Students who are protected under the McKinney-Vento Act may also be entitled to free transportation and other services.

The District's homeless liaison is Jaclyn Mirabile, Social Worker, 516-305-8432.