

Saranac Central School District's Pre-Kindergarten Program

Thank you for your interest in our Pre-K Program.

Below is some important information about our program.



FUNDING: Prekindergarten is not a mandatory program. Our Pre-K Program is dependent upon the annual allocation of New York State Pre-K grant funds in the New York State budget.

ELIGIBILITY: Children eligible to attend our program must reside in our District and be four (4) years old on or before December 1st of the year in which they will be enrolled. **Children eligible to attend Kindergarten cannot be enrolled in our Pre-K Program.**

LOCATIONS: We offer a full-day (7:20a.m. to 1:35p.m.), play-based, quality program in each of our inclusive classrooms, located at our three (3) sites: **Adirondack Helping Hands in Cadyville, Morrisonville Elementary and Saranac Elementary Schools.**

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT: Students may be assigned to a classroom at any one of our three (3) sites. Student programming needs and minimizing traveling distances as well as other extenuating circumstances are considered when determining classroom assignments. **Families are notified of classroom assignments over the summer.**

TRANSPORTATION: Free bus transportation is provided for each of our three (3) program sites. **Students must be four years old to ride on our district buses.** Families of children who start the program at the age of three (3) must provide transportation to and from school until one (1) day after the child's fourth (4th) birthday.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Our Pre-K program is a district-wide program. Regardless of the site location, each classroom has a maximum of 20 students and is staffed by a early childhood certified teacher who is knowledgeable about child development and supported by classroom aides. Instruction in every classroom is center based with an emphasis on student inquiry. Children are engaged in both small and large group activities. Our program's primary instructional focus is on building Kindergarten Readiness Skills. Children's progress is continually monitored and reported to families 4 times throughout the school year.

Selection for Program Participation: Our program can accommodate 70 Pre-K students. If interest in our program exceeds this capacity, a lottery will be held in January to select students to participate in our Pre-K program. **Complete registration must be on file by January 13, 2023 to be included in this lottery.** Families of the selected students will be sent participation offer letters via email and will confirm their acceptance of the placement by scheduling their child's Pre-K screening. **Students who are not selected in the lottery process will be notified by phone and placed on a waiting list.**

Submit a complete Registration Packet: To submit a registration contact Saranac Elementary School (565-5840,) Morrisonville Elementary School (565-5922) or the program coordinator, Jackie LaPoint (565-5687) or via email jllapoint@saranac.org .

Plan ahead: A completed registration packet MUST include:

- ✓ **Proof of Guardianship - Parent/Guardian Photo ID (ex. Driver's license)**
- ✓ **Proof of Age – child's original birth certificate**
- ✓ **Two proofs of district residency (as required on page 2 of the registration packet)**
- ✓ **Child's Immunization record/physical (These documents can be faxed or emailed.)**
- ✓ **Custody paperwork (If applicable)**
- ✓ **Completed and signed Pre-K Registration documents, PK Household Information and AUP Forms**

Pre-K Registration documents and Household Information forms are available on the district website at:

https://www.saranac.org/family_resources/student_enrollment/pre-k

Contact our program coordinator, Jackie La Point, at 565-5687 or jllapoint@saranac.org for assistance or more information.

