

Frequently Asked Questions – Pre-Kindergarten

In addition to the information provided under Frequently Asked Questions - General, the following information is specific to students attending Universal Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) programs:

Q. Which school buildings currently have Pre-Kindergarten programs?

A. Pre-K programs are currently located at Balmville School, Horizons-on-the-Hudson, New Windsor School and Washington Street School.

Q. How is my child's school placement determined?

A. Each school with a Pre-K program has a designated transportation zone which includes the geographic area surrounding the school. Students are placed in Pre-K schools based on the address from which they will be transported to and from school. To be eligible for transportation the pick-up and drop-off address, whether home or an alternate stop, must be located within the same transportation zone:

- If your child will be transported to and from the home address, the school assigned will be based on the zone in which the home address is located.**
- If your child will be transported to and from the same alternate stop location, the school assigned will be based on the zone in which the address of the alternate stop is located.**
- If your child will be transported in one direction (either to or from school) to an alternate stop located outside the school's designated zone, the school assigned will be based on the home address. The child will not be eligible for transportation to an alternate stop location outside of the designated zone.**

Q. What if my home or alternate stop address changes during the school year?

A. If your home address or alternate stop address changes during the school year and the new address is within the school's designated zone, your child will continue to receive transportation to their originally assigned school. If the new address is not within the school's designated zone, your child may be transferred to the school in which the new address is located if there is space available or you may choose to transport your child to the original school.

Q. If the student has siblings that attend a school outside of the designated zone can the Pre-K student attend the same school as the siblings?

A. No. All Pre-K students are assigned to the school within their designated zone based on the transportation address of record.

Q. Will my child attend the same school for Kindergarten that they attend for Pre-K?

A. Possibly. Kindergarten placements are determined using a request/lottery system. In the spring of your child's Pre-K school year you will be provided a form to request which elementary school you would like your child to attend. Additional information about the lottery process can be found on the Registration page of the District website.