What is State-Administered Prekindergarten in New York State?

State-Administered Prekindergarten*, also known as Universal PreK (UPK), is a state and federally funded program offered to families free of charge. The only eligibility requirement for State-Administered Prekindergarten in New York State is a child's age and residency. In New York State, there is currently enough federal and state funding available to serve approximately 100% of the state's four-year-old population.

Did You Know?

Children who attend prekindergarten are more likely to graduate high school and attend college.¹

Children who attend prekindergarten earn significantly more as adults, and are less likely to be unemployed.¹

Studies have shown that for every $1 invested in prekindergarten, the community sees a $7 return on investment through decreased public spending on those students later in life.²

State/Federal Investment

$1.2 billion

$1.2 billion in state and federal funding is accessible to serve over 190,000 four-year-old prekindergarten students in New York State annually.³ ⁴

Four-Year-Old Students Served

122,000

In the 2022-2023 school year, State-Administered Prekindergarten programs served over 122,000 four-year-old students, compared to 101,000 students ten years ago.

Three-Year-Old Students Served

6,000

$50 million in additional state funds are allocated each year to provide prekindergarten programming to over 6,000 three-year-old students.⁶

Districts

650

Over 650 districts in New York State currently have access to state and/or federal prekindergarten funding.⁵

* Any reference to State-Administered prekindergarten equates to UPK
Growth in Prekindergarten Access for Students with Special Needs

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- Students with IEPs enrolled in State-Administered Prekindergarten in 2014 and 2022

**Collaborating Partners**

1,900

New York State school districts partner with over 1,900 community prekindergarten providers across the state.

**Local Education Agencies (LEA) Supported by NYSED**

143

The NYS Office of Early Learning (OEL) is required to monitor 143 LEAs (131 districts and 12 agencies) throughout the State who receive prekindergarten funding. However, OEL provides technical assistance to all State-Administered Prekindergarten programs.

**Emergent Multilingual Learners**

28,496

In the 2022-2023 school year, State-Administered Prekindergarten programs served over 28,000 Emergent Multilingual Learners (EMLs).

For more information on State-Administered Prekindergarten in New York State, please visit the Office of Early Learning's website.