



SCOPE UNIVERSAL PRE-K PROGRAM AT SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building a Strong Foundation
For Kindergarten

What is SCOPE Education Services?

- SCOPE is a not-for-profit organization
- Services include Pre-school Programs, UPK Programs, Before and After School Care, Enrichment Programs and Professional Development for teachers throughout Long Island
- SCOPE has been the provider of the Sachem UPK Program since its inception in 2008

WHAT IS UPK?

- UPK stands for **Universal Pre-Kindergarten**. It is a New York State grant that is given to a district for the purpose of providing Pre-K only. It cannot be allocated to any other program
- The grant is limited and can only be used on a **pre-determined** amount of students. State guidelines do not allow for the grant to be used in any other manner
- Participants are chosen through a lottery system, to be held the end of March. Every family who applies will have a number assigned that will be placed in the lottery. **All numbers** will be selected. When the spots for the UPK have been drawn, the remaining numbers will be placed on a wait list
- The wait list remains active throughout the year. As students move throughout the program, you may still be called to take part in the UPK
- For eligibility students must turn 4 by December 1st.

WHAT SCOPE UPK HAS TO OFFER

- A curriculum based on the NYS Learning Standards for pre-school age children.
- A balance of academic and social learning
- Music, movement, purposeful play and hands on activities integrated throughout the day
- Instruction delivered in individual, small and large groups.
- Teacher and child guided instruction
- Differentiated learning styles for all children
- Certified Teacher and qualified Teacher Assistant/Aide

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

SCOPE will follow all District Guidelines relating to health and safety matters.

UPK classes will participate in building fire drills, lockdowns drills etc.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UPK CHILD

Daily schedule:

Arrival
Morning Meeting
Center Time
Snack Time
Whole Group Learning
Read Aloud
Gross Motor Activity
Lunch
Afternoon Meeting
Center Time
Snack Time
Gross Motor Activity
Closing Activity
Dismissal

- Programs are in session Monday through Friday
- Locations may vary year to year
- Five Hour Instructional Program
- District will provide an offering of lunch
- Two snacks provided by SCOPE
- SCOPE will follow the School District Calendar

Preparation for Kindergarten

The SCOPE UPK Program enhances a child's readiness skills to support a smooth transition into Sachem Kindergarten classrooms.



Parent Involvement

Parents are an important part of the team at SCOPE UPK. Our teachers provide several opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning environment.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Meet and Greet
- Evening Open House
- Class Sing Alongs
- Special Occasions
- SCOPE will follow district protocols with regard to class gatherings and visitors



IN ADDITION....

- Progress reports are distributed twice per year
- Monthly Newsletter keeps families informed
- Every classroom is supplied with a SCOPE cell phone
- Guardians are required to sign out each day. Photo ID is required at dismissal time
- Classrooms will follow Sachem School District food related protocols
- Discuss any student medical concerns or allergies requiring an Epi-pen with classroom teacher and building nurse prior to the start of the school year
- All families must agree to parking and attendance guidelines as explained in the beginning of the school year

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND UPK TIMELINE

- UPK Applications are available on the school district website. Find the Google Document at www.sachem.edu under Announcements
- Lottery Application is due back by Friday, February 28th @ 3:00 pm. No exceptions will be made for late applicants



REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND UPK TIMELINE

- Lottery will take place the week of March 24th. All names will be selected at this time. Placements are done in the order that you are selected in the lottery
- Families notified end of April-early May
- Letter will come in the mail. Adherence to deadlines in letter is required or spot is forfeited

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