

My child's birthdate falls just outside the date range for the UPK program. Is there any way they can still attend the program?

No, we must adhere to federal and state requirements in regard to when a child is considered “eligible” for UPK. [You can read more about these requirements here](#). To be eligible to attend UPK in the **2024-25** school year, a child must have a birthdate between **December 2, 2019 and December 1, 2020** and reside in the Baldwinsville Central School District.

Does the district offer a full-day program or a half-day program?

The District only offers a full-day program. The program runs 5 days per week. Hours and the school calendar are consistent with our elementary school schedules.

Where will Baldwinsville’s UPK classrooms be housed for the 2024-25 school year?

It is our goal to place all students at their “home school” based on their attendance zone, but due to the limited number of seats available, this is not guaranteed. The district reserves the right to determine which building students are placed at if it is not their “home school.” Requests for building placement cannot be honored. We will closely monitor the amount of spaces available in each elementary school building, and will seek proposals from interested community partners within the District.

When will I be notified if my child has been accepted into the district’s UPK program?

Those who complete the registration process by 3:00 pm on **April 5, 2024** will be considered for the initial selection process should more students register than seats are available. A random selection lottery will be held to determine acceptance. Families will be notified by **May 3, 2024** of the assigned building their child has been placed in, or if the child has been placed on a waitlist. The lottery selection process will be used to determine the order students on the waitlist are accepted.

Will district transportation be provided?

Yes. Please note that if you have any changes to the Transportation Form completed at the time of registration, changes must be submitted by **late August 2024** to ensure busing is in place by the first day of school. Our [Transportation Department's website](#) has answers to Frequently Asked Questions posted on their website if you would like more information.

Will before and after school care programs be available for UPK students?

The district does not offer a before or after school care program for students. More information for students not participating in school transportation (parent drop-off and/or pick-up) will be provided as we approach the start of the new school year. It is anticipated (subject to change) parent pick-up will not occur beyond 3:40 PM at each school building.

The YMCA provides a before and after school care program for each of our elementary buildings. These programs can only be offered to K-5 students due to a difference in the student to staff ratio, qualifications, and licensure required to be able to include UPK students.

Where can I learn more about Registered Child Care programs available in the area?

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) provides a searchable database of licensed providers, which can be accessed [by visiting the OCFS website](#).

[Child Care Solutions](#) is another resource available for families to learn more about finding high quality child care in Central New York.

If we are no longer able to accept our child's seat in the program prior to the start of the school year, what should we do?

Contact our District Registrar, Kristin Gagnon, at (315) 638-6044 or kgagnon@bville.org as soon as possible.

Once my child completes UPK in the district, what comes next?

It is the district expectation that if you choose to enroll your child in the UPK program, they will enter Kindergarten the following school year.

With that said, once a child completes the district's UPK program, a parent has the following options:

Option A: Send the student to Kindergarten in the Baldwinsville Central School District

***Option B:** Unenroll the child from the district and enroll the child in a private preschool Program

***Option C:** Unenroll the child from the district and enroll the child in a private Kindergarten program

***Option D:** Unenroll the child from the district and homeschool

***Option E:** If the child is not of compulsory school age, unenroll the child from the district

***If I choose options B-E, what happens next?**

Your first step would be to re-enroll your child in the district and provide any educational records pertaining to the school year in which your child was not enrolled. At that time, the building principal will review the records in order to determine grade level placement (Kindergarten or first grade). The district will not guarantee a placement in a specific grade prior to reenrollment.