



Alden Central School District

2021-22 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program Overview

Full Day UPK	Half Day UPK
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Young children learn best when they are interacting with materials and people, and when they have a choice of activities. Therefore, a balance of open-ended and teacher supported learning activities, as well as purposefully developed classroom centers help to ensure children have a choice of activities that support play and learning. We look forward to helping your child learn and grow.

The Alden Central School District Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) programs are funded through the New York State Education Department and are under the supervision of the District. The District is required to follow guidelines related to registration as well as selection and placement through a randomized lottery. **Applications are due by July 28th** and families will be notified by August 2nd if their child has been accepted and placed in the program or placed on the waiting list.

Alden Central Schools is happy to be collaborating with two community partner preschools as follows:

- **World of Wonder Preschool**
 - 11197 Broadway Alden, NY 14004
 - Located at Alden Primary School
 - Full Day UPK Only- Tuition Free
 - Start and end times TBD
 - Before and After Care Available by Parent Arrangement with the YMCA
- **Imagination Station**
 - 12835 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004
 - Both Full and Half Day UPK- Tuition Free
 - Start and end times TBD
 - Before and After Care Available by Parent Arrangement with Imagination Station

To be eligible:

- Child's family must reside in the Alden Central School District
- Child must turn 4 years old on or before December 1, 2021
- A completed application and all required paperwork must be submitted by the due date to the Central Registrar, Mrs. Szymanski in one of the following ways:

Email to dszymanski@aldenschools.org

Fax to 1-888-955-7890

Mail to:

Alden Central School District

Attention: Central Registrar

13190 Park Street Alden, NY 14004

If you have not signed up for our UPK mailing list or do not have access to a computer/internet, you can request a packet by calling our Central Registrar at 716-937-9116 ext. 4200.