

Education Center

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Dear Families,

The Oswego City School District invites you to apply for the "Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program" for the 2025-2026 school year. The program is designed for children who were born between December 2, 2020 and December 1, 2021. It is offered free of charge and will run for 180 days in accordance with the school district calendar. We anticipate having half-day programs available at Riley, Leighton, Fitzhugh, Kingsford, and Minetto Elementary schools. Morning sessions will operate from 9:00 - 11:30. Afternoon sessions will operate from 12:45 - 3:15. There will be a maximum of 18 students in each ½ day class taught by a certified teacher and a teaching assistant. The District will offer one full-day program at Leighton Elementary; there is a maximum of 18 students taught by a certified teacher and two teaching assistants. The full-day program operates from 9:00-3:15.

Limited transportation will be offered for all four-year-olds. Students attending the morning session can be provided bus transportation to school, but parents are responsible for picking up the child at 11:30. During the afternoon session, bus transportation home is provided at 3:35. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to school at 12:45.

To have your child considered, please return the enclosed **application and registration packet along with birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency and custody papers (if applicable)** to the registrar's office at the above address. Completed packets/paperwork can be dropped off at the Education Center. *For those interested in the full-day program, applications and required paperwork must be turned in no later than April 1, 2025.*

Upon receipt of your application **and all necessary paperwork**, your child will be selected to the program by a lottery system, if necessary. It is anticipated that the student placement will be conducted by the third week of April. Parents will be notified by mail of the building and session the child is selected for. If slots become available during the school year they will be filled from the pool of registered children not previously selected.

If you have any questions, please call the Central Registrar's office at 315-341-2045.

Sincerely,

Amanda Caldwell Assistant Superintendent