Tuxedo UFSD’s Pre Kindergarten program is unlike any other in the area.

In our program, children learn the essential problem-solving, literacy (digital, reading and writing) and math skills necessary for a strong start to their K-12 education. Teaching and learning happens through play, hands-on activities and developmentally-appropriate digital learning opportunities.

Our program uses age-appropriate technology to complement instruction. Each student in our program is provided with a tablet. The tablet is used to complement the full in-person instruction they receive. Our Pre-Kindergarten “digital natives” are introduced to digital literacy as part of Tuxedo’s robust Pre-Kindergarten curriculum.

Below are frequently asked questions families have about the Tuxedo Pre-Kindergarten Program and when their child can begin their first year of schooling with the Tuxedo community.

We thank you for your interest in our amazing program. Please visit our website for more information: [https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/pre-kindergarten](https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/pre-kindergarten)

Any questions may be directed to Principal Paul Brown (pbrown@tuxedoufsd.org) or Interim Superintendent Nicole Scariano (nscariano@tuxedoufsd.org).

What is Universal Pre-K and is the Tuxedo program a “Universal Pre-K program”?

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) and statewide full-day Pre-Kindergarten programs are special early childhood programs that were established by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). It is a program in which NYSED contracts with a local school district to provide an early childhood learning experience for the children of eligible families. At this time Tuxedo is not a “Universal Pre-K program.” The Tuxedo UFSD will be applying to the New York State Education Department to become a “Universal Pre-K program” for the 2021-2022 school year.
If Tuxedo becomes a “Universal Pre-K program” will the current program change? I heard it’s great and kids really love it!

Our wonderful programming and curriculum will not change. Our students will still learn the essential problem-solving, literacy (digital, reading and writing) and math skills for a strong kindergarten start. Our Pre-Kindergarten program will continue to teach students through play, hands-on activities and developmentally appropriate digital learning opportunities.

What information do I need to have to register my child in Pre-K?

To register your child as a student in the Tuxedo UFSD a registration packet can be downloaded from the following website: https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/registration-1

All forms need to be completed, and returned to the school with the required documentation. Documents required for registration include: child’s birth certificate; immunization records; physical examination record; proof of guardianship (custodial papers or affidavits if applicable); parent/guardian identification (state-issued driver's license/photo identification); individual education plan if appropriate (special education); completed pre-registration packet; and two proofs of District residency (such as lease, utility bill, pay stub, photo identification, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar Mary Dixon at (845) 351-4797 ext. 3110.

Who is eligible for the Tuxedo UFSD Pre-Kindergarten Program?

An "eligible child" is one who is four-years of age on or before December 1st or otherwise eligible to attend kindergarten the following school year.

I do not live in the district but would like my child to attend the Pre-K program. Can I still register my child?

Yes! Out of district families may send their child to the Pre-K program on a tuition basis. Tuition for out-of-district families is $9,000 per year.

What if my child is just past the December 1st cut off for the program? Can s/he still enroll?
No. While we would love nothing more than to welcome your child early, we are unable to accommodate children who are not of age on or before December 1st. When we welcome a family to our district, we agree to uphold our policies just as they agree to abide by them.

Does my child need to be fully potty-trained to enter the program?

If your child is of age on or before December 1st, they are welcome to register and enroll in our program. Every spring we host a Pre-Kindergarten orientation where we provide an overview of the program and meet-and-greet with the teachers and classroom teaching aides who will be with your child. During this time, we provide parents with tips on how to get them “potty-ready” for Pre-Kindergarten. We are always here to support your child and meet them with where s/he is at developmentally.

Where can I get more information about your district policies on the Pre-Kindergarten program?

For more information regarding the Tuxedo UFSD Pre-Kindergarten program please visit our webpage (listed above). In addition, our Board of Education policy manual at the following website: [https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/boe-policy-manual](https://www.tuxedoufsd.org/page/boe-policy-manual)

Have another question about our program?

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