



# MORAVIA

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **MCSD Universal Pre-Kindergarten Selection Criteria / Guidelines:**

Moravia Central Schools Pre-Kindergarten program is an age-appropriate instructional program for 4-year olds that prepares students for a successful transition to kindergarten and beyond. The program is a full day program that operates under the regular school calendar. The school day begins at 7:35 a.m. and ends at 2:35 p.m.

UPK is a state-funded program that introduces young learners to the school environment and focuses on intellectually, socially and emotionally preparing children for kindergarten. The program will follow the New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards.

### **Program Requirements:**

- Child must turn four years old by December 1, 2025.
- Child must live within the Moravia Central School District boundaries.
- All Moravia Central School employees are eligible to apply. However, MCS employee status does not automatically guarantee a seat on the roster. Applications will follow MCSD Policy #7133 entitled Non-Resident Students (Children of Employees) as well as the guidelines of the Placement Process.
- If you are the parent of twins, triplets, etc., you are required to submit one application per child.

### **Selection Process:**

The district plans to offer up to 60 seats for the 25-26 school year. If there are more eligible applicants than can be served in a given school year, the district will conduct a lottery-based system to determine who attends the program.

The lottery will select attendees on a random basis. New York state regulations prohibit a district from prioritizing eligible students for any reason. Each child will be entered into the lottery as an individual student and will be selected at random. The selection of one twin, triplet or household member has no effect on the selection number of any other siblings during the lottery selection process.

If a lottery system is utilized, students who are not randomly selected will be placed on a waiting list. If any vacancies occur during the school year, they will be filled until the waiting list has been exhausted.

Enrollment in the UPK program is not mandatory. However, enrolled students must adhere to the school district's attendance policy. The program will operate five-days-a-week and will follow the MCSD's district calendar, with 180 days of school (September through June) each year.

Required Documents:

- Proof of age (Your child must be four years old on or before December 1)
- Proof of Parent/Guardian Moravia CSD Residency
- Immunization Certificate
- Custody documents (if applicable)
- Completed Enrollment/Registration Packet

If you have questions, please call the Millard Fillmore Elementary school office at (315) 497-2670.