



# SCOPE UNIVERSAL PRE-K PROGRAM AT SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Building a Strong Foundation  
For Kindergarten

# What is SCOPE Education Services?

- SCOPE is a not-for-profit organization
- Services include Pre-school Programs, UPK Programs, Before and After School Care, Enrichment Programs and Professional Development for teachers throughout Long Island
- Qualified Teacher and Teacher Assistant/Aide in each class. Maximum number of students is 18
- SCOPE has been the provider of the Sachem UPK Program since its inception in 2008

# WHAT IS UPK?

- UPK stands for **Universal Pre-Kindergarten**. It is a New York State grant that is given to a district for the purpose of providing Pre-K only. It cannot be allocated to any other program
- The grant is limited and can only be used on a **pre-determined** amount of students. State guidelines do not allow for the grant to be used in any other manner
- Participants are chosen through a lottery system, to be held the end of March. Every family who applies will have a number assigned that will be placed in the lottery. **All numbers** will be selected. When the spots for the UPK have been drawn, the remaining numbers will be placed on a wait list
- The wait list remains active throughout the year. As students move throughout the program, you may still be called to take part in the UPK
- For eligibility students must turn 4 by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

# WHAT SCOPE UPK HAS TO OFFER

- A curriculum based on the NYS Learning Standards for pre-school age children.
- A balance of academic and social learning
- Music, movement, purposeful play and hands on activities integrated throughout the day
- Instruction delivered in individual, small and large groups.
- Teacher and child guided instruction
- Differentiated learning styles for all children

# HEALTH PROTOCOLS

SCOPE will follow all District Guidelines relating to health and safety matters.



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UPK CHILD

## Daily schedule:

Arrival  
Morning Meeting  
Center Time  
Snack Time  
Whole Group Learning  
Read Aloud  
Gross Motor Activity  
Lunch  
Afternoon Meeting  
Center Time  
Snack Time  
Gross Motor Activity  
Closing Activity  
Dismissal

- Programs are in session Monday through Friday
- Locations may vary year to year
- Five Hour Instructional Program
- District will provide an offering of lunch
- Two snacks provided by SCOPE



# Preparation for Kindergarten

The SCOPE UPK Program enhances a child's readiness skills to support a smooth transition into Sachem Kindergarten classrooms.

## ASPECTS OF THE CURRICULUM

Letter and sound recognition

Language and Listening Skills

STEAM skills

Social/Emotional skills

Development of fine/gross motor skills



# Parent Involvement

Parents are an important part of the team at SCOPE UPK. Our teachers provide several opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning environment.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Meet and Greet
- Evening Open House
- Mystery Reader
- Class Sing Alongs
- Helping Hands
- Special Occasions
- SCOPE will follow district protocols with regard to class gatherings and visitors





# IN ADDITION....

- Progress reports are distributed twice per year
- Monthly Newsletter keeps families informed
- Every classroom is supplied with a SCOPE cell phone
- Guardians are required to sign student in and out each day. Photo ID is required at dismissal time
- Classrooms are peanut/tree nut free
- Discuss any student medical concerns or allergies requiring an Epi-pen with classroom teacher and building nurse prior to the start of the school year

# Registration Requirements

- Students should be fully immunized upon entrance, according to state guidelines
- Physicals should be up-to-date
- Two proofs of residency required upon registration. A list of acceptable documents will be provided
- All families must agree to parking and attendance guidelines as explained in the beginning of the school year

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND UPK TIMELINE

- Sachem UPK lottery recipients are required to register with SCOPE in addition to the Sachem School District. You will be notified by SCOPE with registration information
- UPK Applications will be available on line on February 1st. Find the Google Document at [www.sachem.edu](http://www.sachem.edu) under Announcements
- Lottery Application is due back by Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm. No exceptions will be made for late applicants

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND UPK TIMELINE

- Lottery will take place in March. All names will be selected at this time. Placements are done in the order that you are selected in the lottery
- Families notified in May
- Letter will come in the mail. Adherence to deadlines in letter is required or spot is forfeited

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