

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Road to Success Starts Here

Pre-Kindergarten is the time to turn your curious child into an active, interested student who looks forward to going to school. A love of learning that begins in Pre-K starts your child down the road that leads to success in high school and beyond.

Many of our Early Childhood programs are located within our elementary schools, and some accept children as young as three years old. Half- and full-day programs are offered. Specific offerings vary by school.

The Archdiocese of New York's Early Childhood Curriculum for Pre-K and UPK is based on the New York State Pre-Kindergarten Learning Standards.

Consult with the principal at your Catholic school of choice for clarification on your district's availability and requirements.

Center-Based Learning

Your child will enjoy a safe, caring environment, and our Early Childhood programs offer much more. Each academic subject (literacy, math, science and social studies) has its own physical center. As they play, learn, make their own choices and socialize, children develop creative and critical thinking, as well as large and fine motor skills, through active, hands-on exploration.

Classroom Environment

Classroom environment is an important teacher. We've thoughtfully adapted the environment in our classrooms to help children and families adjust to current circumstances in the following ways:

- Focus on cohort-based learning to help children learn to interact with materials as well as each other
- Increase children's autonomy as they master social rules
- Utilize learning platforms, like SeeSaw, that are designed for the Early Childhood curriculum
- Incorporate continuous assessment to identify learning styles, strengths, and challenges of each child
- Welcome feedback from parents, and use that advice to update and improve instruction and learning
- Provide real-time technical assistance for teachers, as well as on-demand curriculum advice from our Office of Early Childhood education



3K FOR ALL | PRE-K FOR ALL (UPK)

Universal Pre-K: FREE Quality Education for Three- and Four-Year-Olds

Universal Pre-K (UPK), known as PRE-K FOR ALL and 3K FOR ALL within the 5 boroughs, is excellent high-quality education for three- and four-year-olds, available at no cost, regardless of household income. Offered in partnership with New York State and the local public school district, UPK is designed to help more children get an early and solid start to active learning — and it's completely free!

The Archdiocese of New York is one of the largest providers of UPK/PRE-K FOR ALL Programs.

To enroll, within NYC limits, families must visit the NYC Department of Education website: <https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>. Be sure to specify the Catholic school of your choice from the list provided. Enrollment procedures for UPK programs outside of NYC vary.

Extended Hours for Half-Day UPK (UPK Wrap-Around Program)

Families often seek a safe, structured full-day learning environment for their four year olds. In many areas where full-day UPK is unavailable, the Archdiocese of New York offers Wrap-Around Programs at reasonable rates. Wrap-around programs offer students the same center-based approach they experience during half-day UPK, reinforcing and enhancing their overall social and educational development. Inquire at the school of interest for program

