

## YMCA

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The YMCA Preschool combines both education and recreation for a stimulating preschool experience. Our highly qualified staff draw from the best practices in Early Childhood education to create a program that is fun and engaging for all children. Weekly swim, gym and music classes enhance the well-rounded traditional preschool curriculum. Program hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for our full-day 3PK and UPK classes. Our half-day 3PK class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. An afternoon half-day 3PK class may be scheduled, dependent upon demand. We have care available from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., if needed.



It is highly recommended that parent(s)/guardian(s) schedule a tour of the sites prior to making a program selection.

All student placements are final.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***What is Universal Pre-Kindergarten?***

Universal Pre-Kindergarten (3PK or UPK) provides an opportunity for all three and four-year-olds to be enrolled in an exciting preschool program. UPK enables parents, childcare providers, preschool special education programs, nursery schools, community-based organizations and other early childhood programs to work in collaboration with the Auburn Enlarged City School District to develop and implement high quality educational programs for resident three and four-year-olds.

### ***Why enroll your child in a District Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program?***

Research indicates that quality pre-kindergarten experiences promote academic success and greater achievement in school. Young children are at their most optimal age for learning.

### ***Which three or four-year-olds are eligible to enroll in a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program?***

Any Auburn resident who is three (3) or four (4) years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year is eligible to apply.

### ***What is the cost to send my child to a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program?***

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is state funded. There is no cost for eligible children to attend.

### ***Are there selection criteria for the program?***

Applications are accepted for a set period of time. If during that time the District receives more applications than there are slots available, children will be randomly selected. Site placement will be determined on the basis of daycare, financial income, and parental choice.

**Once selected, placement is not guaranteed at a specific site nor can a child's placement be changed once they are officially enrolled.**

### ***Is the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program mandatory for all three and four-year-olds?***

Universal Pre-Kindergarten is an entitlement program. It is not mandatory for parents to enroll their child in the program. However, if a child is enrolled, regular attendance is expected.

### **Need more information?**

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# AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Universal Pre-Kindergarten

**UPK Full-Day Programs and 3PK Full-Day and Half-Day Programs Available!**



The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of the Auburn Enlarged City School District. The program offers comprehensive educational services to Auburn residents who are 3-years-old (3PK) or 4-years-old (UPK) on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Montessori School of the Finger Lakes**

**YMCA**

Each Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program offers different features. We encourage you to call and visit the sites before making your selection. Once a child is enrolled, he/she will not be changed to a different site.



### **Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES**

**Nancy Ukolowicz, Director**  
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The Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES is dedicated to providing a high quality, developmentally appropriate preschool program that educates the whole child (socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically). Our program provides an environment that embraces each child as an individual, focuses on strengths and provides support for emerging skills. The program's goal is to help young children learn as much as possible in an atmosphere where each child feels secure, confident and free to explore and question, resulting in eager and involved learners. 3PK/UPK program hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch is provided. Before and after care (wrap around) is available beginning at 6:45 a.m. and concluding at 5:30 p.m. Visit our website: [www.caybores.org](http://www.caybores.org)

### **Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency**

**Anne Napper**  
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The Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency offers comprehensive services to young children and highly values the involvement of their families. The program's School Readiness Goals are directly aligned with New York State Pre-Kindergarten Learning Standards and NYS Early Learning Guidelines. Our curriculum approach is based on the belief that children learn best through active learning. Four site locations and varying class hours offer options for enrolling children and their families. Transportation is provided to those who meet the requirements.



### **E. John Gavras Center**

**Danielle Wright, Principal of Educational Services**  
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The E. John Gavras Center Preschool works with every child to reach his or her potential. Our team of early childhood professionals is devoted to your child's success. We practice diverse teaching strategies that target the strengths and learning styles of every student. Classrooms are integrated with both typically developing children and children with special needs. The classroom teams work closely with their professional support services (speech, occupational and physical therapists) in curriculum planning and program enhancements. Gavras Center Preschool uses the Auburn Preschool Curriculum. Our approach to teaching is both structured and fun-your child will learn & grow in our program! The preschool provides a spacious indoor and outdoor play area, a registered nurse onsite and access to therapeutic evaluations during the school hours. Visit our website for more information: [www.gavrascenter.com](http://www.gavrascenter.com)

### **Cayuga Community College**

**Amanda Gould, Director**  
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The Cayuga Community College Childcare Center has earned their mark of high quality through accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and Quality Stars NY. The center strives to provide a supportive learning community where children engage in opportunities that allow for cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and linguistic growth on a daily basis. Our staff is highly dedicated to our program and committed to encouraging and supporting each child and their families. Come be a part of our "extended family!" Our full-day 3PK and UPK programs run from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. We offer wrap around care services starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. daily and care when school is not in session, but the center is open.



### **Early Childhood Center**

**Regina Carnicelli, Director**  
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The Early Childhood Center is dedicated to providing our community of children with a program designed to develop a child's academic, social, and emotional experiences through hands-on learning and activity exploration. Children will be immersed in a learning environment that will develop their skills in language arts-math-science-music, social/emotional engagement, and so much more. The highly trained and educated staff members facilitate achievement of these skills and create learning opportunities for the children. The teachers are dedicated to the success of all children as they grow into their future as lifelong learners and explorers. Children will experience a caring and compassionate environment focused on individual needs and experiences. Program hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and lunch is provided. Before and after care is available at this site.



### **Montessori School of the Finger Lakes**

**Noel Romeo, Director**  
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The Montessori School of the Finger Lakes was founded in 1982 and is based upon the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. Her development of educational materials and methods were based on her conviction that children learn best by doing. Her developmentally appropriate approach to learning is designed to fit each student's personal strengths and challenges. According to Montessori Philosophy, each child must be allowed to work at his or her own level of ability. Math language, sensory refinement, social studies/geography, "everyday living" skills, courtesy/character education, science, music, dramatic play, technology and exploration of the environment are all explored through use of the hands and movement. Manipulatives and hands on materials are used to reinforce skills and expand upon student's learning opportunities. Children will experience a caring, compassionate atmosphere where they are treated like family.

[www.fingerlakesmontessori.com](http://www.fingerlakesmontessori.com)

