TO: Superintendents of Schools with Universal Pre-K Grants

UPK Program Contacts UPK Fiscal Contacts

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SUBJECT: Understanding Your 2020-2021 Universal Prekindergarten Allocation

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Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) grant funds are allocated to school districts in accordance with a formula set forth in Section 3602-e (10) of Education Law. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, the grant awards for the Additional Grants f3x999 Tm0 g0 G[Additi)-3(ona)4(1 Gra)7(nt)]TJETQq0.0000Dec

website.

Allocations and the number of children to be served for districts that received only UPK funding during the 2019-2020 school year are unchanged. For districts that received an EPK4 grant award in the 2019-2020 school year, the allocations list provides information about the districts' new consolidated UPK allocation.

Please note that the Division of the Budget has approved the 2020-21 UPK allocations with the caveat that, because of State revenue losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, payments of these grant funds could be reduced by a minimum of 20% in the absence of sufficient federal support for the State.

The below chart defines the contents of each column of the UPK Allocations List.

Column	Column Heading	Description of Contents		
A	Code	The first six digits of the district's BEDS Code		
В	District Name	Name of school district		
С	2020-21 Maximum UPK Aid	The maximum UPK funding that the district is eligible to receive for the 2020-2021 school year		
D	Base Eligible Half-Day 3-Year Old Pupils	The maximum number of 3-year old half-day students for which the dis		

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Maximum Grant Payable

The maximum grant payable will be calculated by dividing the **current year 3-year old prekindergarten pupils served** (the actual full time equivalent students served based on the UPK BEDS Day child count extracted from the Student Information Repository) by the **Pre-K 3-year old Base** (Column F) to get a percentage of eligible students served. The portion of the 2020-2021 Maximum UPK Aid (Column C) attributable to 3-year old pupils is then multiplied by this percentage. The same calculation is performed for 4-year old pupils. No district may receive more than 100% of the 2020-2021 Maximum UPK Aid.

UPK Application Process

With the consolidation of EPK4 grants with UPK, districts will submit one application and one FS-10 for the UPK program. The UPK application will be submitted through the SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System (MVPS). An email will be sent to Superintendents, Program Contacts, and Fiscal Contacts when the application is published and available to districts.

Questions

Questions regarding this memo or any aspect of your Pre-K program may be directed to the Office of Early Learning at oel@nysed.gov or by telephone at (518) 474-5807.