

Citywide Universal Full-day Pre-k Expansion

Pre-Kindergarten



College & Career Readiness



High School Graduation

UPK in New York City

- NYC is building a high quality full-day universal pre-k program system to ensure all four-year-olds are set up for long term success
- Currently, NYC serves ~58,000 children in pre-k in public schools and community-based early childhood centers (CBECCS), only 20,000 of which are full-day seats
- Two year rollout:
 - September 2014: Approximately 50,000 full-day pre-k seats
 - 2015-2016 School Year: More than 70,000
- New options created through a rigorous selection process run by DOE in coordination with DOHMH and other city agencies
- Existing full-day programs enhanced to bring all programs up to new quality model
- All full-day programs monitored and supported to ensure children across the city benefit from high quality services

Highlights of UPK NYC Quality Model

- **6 hours, 20 minutes of pre-k instruction, free to families**
- **Expectations for instruction focused on providing children with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge**
 - Curriculum advancing New York State pre-k learning standards
 - Instruction grounded in practices that instill a joy for learning and school early on
 - Supports for students whose primary language is not English
- **Family Engagement practices establish strong partnerships from the beginning**
 - Support and encourage parental involvement
 - Additional social workers for programs serving high needs students
- **Program data to inform ongoing monitoring and improvements**
 - Establish a consistent instructional framework
 - Track teacher certification
 - Track and use budget and health/safety information in accountability decisions
- **Workforce development supports to ensure all pre-k programs have the capacity to provide quality services**
 - Competitive salaries for CBECC lead pre-k teachers to attract and retain top talent
 - Partnership with CUNY to support up to 400 pre-k teachers earn certification by September 2015
 - Enhanced professional development for teachers and administrators

Expansion Seats for September 2014

Confirmed, as
of May 16

- 4,386 seats
- 145 district public schools

**Recommended
Tonight**

- ~10,500 seats in Community-Based Early Childhood Centers (May PEP)

June-July

- Several thousand more seats in CBECCs and charter schools (June and July PEP)
- Additional district school awards (June)

May PEP Recommendations

204 Contracts

281 Sites

10,500 seats

32 Districts

5 Boroughs

~70% of
contracts with
existing UPK

Seats by Borough

Borough	Seats
Brooklyn	2,161
Manhattan	584
Queens	4,572
Staten Island	989
Bronx	2,124
Total	10,430

Selection Process



SCORING SUMMARY

RESPONSE CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS
Program Plan	15
Organizational Capacity	15
Demonstrated Effectiveness	15
Site Visit	55
	100

Enrollment

- Pre-k admissions affords parents the opportunity to learn about and apply for a diverse set of programs, over the course of several months
- So far, 41,600 applications received for public school pre-k seats in first phase, 35% more than last year

Dates	Public Schools	CBECCs
May		Parents start learning about options and can apply for existing options by going directly to the program
June	Decisions for public school applications sent to families (early June) Pre-registration at schools (June 9-20) Parents can apply directly at schools (after June 23)	Parents go directly to programs to apply for new options (initial deadline is June 26)
July-September	Admissions at schools continues	Admissions at programs continues

Lead Teachers

- **Need:**
 - September, 2014: Up to 1,000
 - 2015-2016: An additional 1,000
- **To date:**
 - **Teachnycprek.org** site created to provide a one-stop place for educators interested in teaching pre-k to learn about their options and how to apply
 - Over 1,630 applications from candidates who are birth-2 certified alone – a 38% increase compared to this time last year.
 - Subway recruitment ad campaign released
 - CUNY information sessions and interviews for certification supports
 - Investments made for CBECC lead teachers to make competitive salaries
 - CBECC Application portal launched
- **Next steps:**
 - CUNY programming begins: June 2014
 - Hiring events for programs: June and July, 2014
 - Summer training institute: August 2014