



Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten at HWPS

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Situation Analysis

- FECC Pre-K enrollment is declining.
- PLUS tuition is becoming cost prohibitive.
- Old pre-k funding: \$332,286 for 114 half-day seats.
- New pre-k funding: \$540,000 for 100 full-day seats.
- Both old and new funding must be shared with community-based organizations (CBOs, i.e. Our Kids Place, Lev Chana).
- Half-day seats in old funding may be converted to full-day seats.
- New funding **MUST** be used for full-day seats.

Historical FECC Pre-K Enrollment

<i>Year</i>	<i>Half Day</i>	<i>Full Day</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
<i>2011-12</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>122</i>
<i>2012-13</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>121</i>
<i>2013-14</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>132</i>
<i>2014-15</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>127</i>
<i>2015-16</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>129</i>
<i>2016-17</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>99</i>
<i>2017-18</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>111</i>
<i>2018-19</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>111</i>
<i>2019-20</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>107</i>
<i>2020-21</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>88</i>
<i>2021-22</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>61</i>

PLUS Program Tuition History

Year	Tuition
2011-12	\$4,650
2012-13	\$4,750
2013-14	\$4,985
2014-15	\$4,985
2015-16	\$4,985
2016-17	\$4,985
2017-18	\$4,985
2018-19	\$5,429
2019-20	\$5,646
2020-21	\$5,872
2021-22	\$6,107
2022-23	\$6,351*
2023-24	\$6,605*
2024-25	\$6,870*

* Projected



New Funding =

NEW OPPORTUNITY!

District now has the option to provide FREE, Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten to the community at a significantly reduced cost to the taxpayer.

Cost Per Pre-K Class

- A class of 18 students requiring (1) teacher and (1) classroom aide costs approximately \$186,751 in salary & benefits.
- A class of 19 or 20 students requiring (1) teacher and (2) classroom aides costs approximately \$211,966 in salary & benefits.

Current New York State UPK Grant Funding

Total Allocation = \$332,286

CBO Allocation = \$34,978

Balance for HW: \$297,308

- This would fund 102 half-day slots **OR** 51 full-day slots **OR** can be a hybrid program.
- **This funding MUST be utilized first.**

Additional New York State UPK Grant Funding

- \$540,000 received from NYS
- **MUST be used for full-day seats only**
- Funds 100 full-day seats • equates to \$5,400 per student
- Allocation to CBO's = \$54,000 (10 students)
- Leaves 90 seats for HWPS
- **Must use our existing allocation of \$332,286 before we can access the additional \$540,000**

Room Capacity vs. Funded Slots

- Room Capacity – how many students can each room hold?
 - (8) rooms are available in FECC for the UPK program, each room can accommodate (20) students
 - **Maximum # of students that can be accommodated based on space only = 180**
 - (7 classrooms of 20 full-time students, 1 classroom with 2 half-day sessions with 20 students each)
- Funded Slots
 - HW current NYS UPK Grant funding is for 102 half-day slots
 - Based on current enrollment, we have used (40) half-day slots (1 AM/1 PM program) and (31) full-day slots
 - HW additional NYS UPK Grant funding is for (90) full-day slots
 - **Total amount of funded slots → (121) full-day, (40) half-day = 161 students**

2021-2022 Cost to the District (includes \$ budgeted for PLUS)

Funded Slots (161)

- Total cost \$1,519,223
- Less old funding (\$297,309)
- Less new funding (\$486,000)
- Less ARP funding* (\$383,628)
- Less budgeted** (\$364,367)

District Cost \$(12,081)

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District Cost \$164,424

**ARP funding is provided to the District for the period covering 2021-2022 through 2024-2025*

***Funding budgeted in the 2021-2022 Voter Approved Budget (May 2021)*

Full-Day Pre-K at FECC



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The Benefits of Full-Day Pre-K

- More prepared for kindergarten
- Increased motor skills
- Increased socialization
- Greater independence
- Academically advanced
- Stronger stamina
- Awareness of buildings and routines
- Additional classroom time
- Ability to utilize after school programs
- Eliminates increasing PLUS tuition
- Increased District enrollment

Pre-Kindergarten Standards

- Domain 1: Approaches to learning
- Domain 2: Physical Development and Health
- Domain 3: Social and Emotional Development
- Domain 4A/B: Communication, Language, and Literacy
- Domain 5A: Cognition and Knowledge of the World: Mathematics
- Domain 5B: Cognition and Knowledge of the World: Science
- Domain 5C: Cognition and Knowledge of the World: Social Studies
- Domain 5D: Cognition and Knowledge of the World: The Arts
- Domain 5E: Cognition and Knowledge of the World: Technology, Computer Science, and Digital Literacy

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills. On the left, a purple flower with a brown stem and orange base sits on a hill. The background features layered, wavy bands of light blue and white, suggesting a sky or distant hills. The overall style is simple and modern.

A Day in the Life of an FECC Pre-K Student

Half-Day Schedule

9:00 – 9:15 AM: Arrival/Morning Message/Circle Time

9:15 – 9:40 AM: Reading/Writing Workshop

9:40 – 10:05 AM: Math Workshop

10:05 – 10:25 AM: Science/Social Studies/Second Step

10:25 – 10:40 AM: Learning Centers

10:40 – 10:50 AM: Snack

10:50 – 11:20 AM: Physical Development/PE

11:20 – 11:30 AM: Dismissal

Full-Day Schedule

9:10 – 9:15 AM: Morning Arrival/Announcements

9:15 – 9:30 AM: Calendar/Circle Time

9:30 – 9:40 AM: Morning Message

9:40 – 10:10 AM: Reading Workshop

10:10 – 10:25 AM: Bathroom Break/Snack

10:25 – 11:00 AM: Math Workshop

11:00 – 11:30 AM: Purposeful Play

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Lunch/Recess

12:30 – 1:00 PM: Writing Workshop/Phonics/Fundations

1:00 – 1:30 PM: Science/Social Studies/Second Step

1:30 – 1:45 PM: Snack

1:45 – 2:15 PM: Learning Centers

2:15 – 2:45 PM: Physical Development/PE

2:45 – 2:50 PM Clean up and Dismissal

Note: Full-Day Pre-K students also attend Library, Music, and Maker Space sessions.

Full-Day Pre-K Comparison

In-District Program

- Taught by District teachers
- Direct supervision of teachers
- Alignment of curricula
- Alignment of resources
- Fundations/Teachers College
- Relationship building/Socialization with local peers
- Ease of transition to kindergarten
- In-school professional development
- Permanently certified teachers
- Access to in-school and after-school programs
- Member of District family

Outsourced Programs

- Teachers not employed by District
- Indirect supervision of program
- No oversight of curricula
- Students have no access to building-level activities
- Teacher certification not required
- Challenging transition to kindergarten

FECC Full-Day Pre-K Proposed Timeline

- August 31, September 1, September 9: Community Forums
- September 14, 2021: Board of Education Discussion
- September 22, 2021: Board of Education Final Decision
- September 22 – October 15, 2021: Staffing, Student Registration, and Lottery (if necessary)
- September 22 – October 15, 2021: Current students provided with option to rollover into new program or remain at half-day. PLUS students will receive prorated refund.
- **November 1, 2021: Free, Full-Day Pre-K Begins**

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

Questions?

